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THE ONE PRICE Department Store

A Selling Event in Laredo

Crockery Sale!

We bought the entire stock of the
English Crockery Co., Galveston, Tex.

This firm was in the mail order
business in the Crockery Line and
goods were priced on the basis of the
Mail Order Houses.

We have put on the same prices—
making same lower than present land-
ing cost from England.

Whether you are interested or not,
come and look at the display in the
Annex.

Special Sale Aluminum Ware.

AUG. C. RICHTER



PRICES CUT! PRICES CUT!

It will not take a "barrel of money" for
you to get nice underwear and furnishings,
and a new suit, NOW. Our clothes come
from the best makers, with a high reputa-
tion for style, fit and finish.

But our PRICES are AWAY DOWN now.

Better come in soon and pick up "a
snap" while you can get "good picking."

I. ALEXANDER,
CLOTHIER AND FURNISHER.

WARM HER HEART

with a dish of Consumers' ice cream.
Seems like a paradox, but it will be
successful all right. For there is
no coldness between those who
partake of Consumers' ice cream
together. The cream is too deli-
cious and refreshing to permit of any
but the kindest feelings. Why
don't you try it?

CONSUMERS
ICE AND FUEL CO.

RUSSIANS STILL GAIN AND AUSTRIANS FIGHTING DESPERATELY TO HOLD LINES

German Armies in Galicia Threatened with Envelopment by
Russian Advance and Austrians Striving to Link with
Their Allies—Germans Claim Austrians Recover-
ed All Lost Ground in Czaratorysk Region.

CHAMPIONSHIP OF MEXICO.

Jimmie O'Keefe and Tommy Rowan
to Battle For Honors of Mexican
Pugilistic Belt.

Special to The Times.

Brownsville, Texas, Jan. 8.—What
looks to be the greatest sporting event
on the border for some time is the
45-round fight for the middleweight
championship of Mexico, scheduled
for Matamoros, Mexico, Sunday after-
noon, January 23, between Jimmie
O'Keefe, the present champion, and
Tommy Rowan, "the Bearcat." They
will weigh in at 165 pounds. Special
rates have been secured from the rail-
roads, and plans have been made for
a big time. Many parties from Corpus
Christi and other points are expected.
O'Keefe is training hard. Rowan
arrives here tomorrow and will go into
training. There is much interest in
the event, which is under the auspices
of the Brownsville Athletic Associa-
tion. Two other fights are announced
on the same card.

WEDDING UNITES THEATRICAL FAMILIES.

New York, Jan. 8.—The wedding
today of Miss Fanny Lydia Davenport
Seymour, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
William Seymour, and Richard Mont-
gomery Field of Boston, unites two
families that have been intimately
identified with the American stage.
The wedding takes place at the Mar-
ble Collegiate Church, this city. Miss
Seymour's father has long been pro-
minent as a stage director, and his
work both as actor and manager dur-
ing the days of the old Boston
Museum are recalled. Miss Sey-
mour's mother was May Davenport,
sister of the late Fanny Davenport.
Today's bride has also taken part in
amateur theatricals. The groom is a
Boston man, a grandson of the late
R. M. Field, for many years the man-
ager of the famous Boston Museum.

ILLINOIS RETURNS JACKSON'S BATTLE FLAG.

New Orleans, Jan. 8.—Governor Ed-
ward F. Dunne and a delegation from
the Legislature of Illinois will present
to Louisiana and New Orleans today
the famous battle flag of General
Andrew Jackson which was made for
the valiant defender of New Orleans
by the ladies of the city over a century
ago. It is the flag under which Jack-
son fought his memorable victory on
January 8, 1815, when, with his crude
volunteers from the plantations he
defeated the flower of Britain's army.

Elaborate ceremonies for the for-
mal return of the aged flag will be
held here today. The women of New
Orleans will be the principal figures
in the ceremonies, with the governors
of Illinois and Louisiana. Among the
guests of honor are five women whose
fathers fought in the battle of New
Orleans over a century ago.

The famous flag has a unique his-
tory. It is a silk banner about 3 feet
by 5, the body of the flag being of
white silk, with blue silk fringe. An
eagle spreads its wings on the flag.
This is done in dark and light brown
silk. The eagle is decidedly warlike.
In one talon it grasps a bunch of ar-
rows, and the whole tone is one of de-
fiance. There are thirteen stars on
the flag. General Andrew Jackson re-
ceived the flag from the ladies of New
Orleans on December 30, 1814, just
before the battle of New Orleans. It
was a tribute to the women to the
defender of the city, and it carried
within its folds the hope for the safe-
ty of the city.

After the big victory of Jackson,
the flag was treasured. But during
the exciting days of the War for the
Union it was taken from its resting
place by a cavalry regiment of the
Confederacy and was carried in a raid
Northward in Mississippi. A detach-
ment of Illinois cavalry under General
Osterhaus captured the flag at the
battle of Black River Bridge, in Mis-
sissippi, on May 7, 1863. The famous
Jackson flag, unrecognized by its
captors, was sent with other trophies
to the Illinois State House, and there
it has rested during the second half
of its first century.

The women of New Orleans dis-
covered the flag some years ago
among the treasures at Springfield,
Ill., and during the observance of the
centenary of Jackson's victory last
year decided to ask for its return. The
Legislature of Illinois acceded to the
request, and to do the famous flag due
honor, Governor Dunne personally re-
turns it today to the safe keeping of
New Orleans.

By Associated Press.

London, Jan. 8.—The Russians claim
the full capture of Czaratorysk, but the
Austrians deny that they have ad-
vanced further than the cemetery.
The Austrians are fighting desper-
ately in an effort to hold their positions
as a screen for Kovel and link with
the German Galician armies and those
in the Pinsk neighborhood, threatened
with envelopment by the Russian ad-
vance. A German claim, later than
the Russian, says that the Austrians
have retaken all the lost Czaratorysk
ground. The Germans attacked near
Lille on the Western front, but the
British claim to have repulsed them.
Heavy artillery was busy yesterday.
Constantinople reports that the allies
again bombarded the narrows from
land and sea.

Capture Trench by Surprise.

Berlin, Jan. 8.—The German troops
have captured a trench at Hartmann's
Weilerkopf from the French by a
surprise attack, says the official re-
port.

House Talked With Grey.

London, Jan. 8.—Col. E. M. House,
President Wilson's representative,
saw Foreign Secretary Sir Edward
Grey today. He would make no state-
ment regarding the matters discussed.

Ford Party at The Hague.

London, Jan. 8.—The Ford peace
party has arrived at The Hague, ac-
cording to a despatch.

American Emigrants Lost.

Paris, Jan. 8.—Two hundred Mon-
tegrins from America lost their lives
when an Italian steamship struck a
mine in the Adriatic and sank.

Protest Mail Interference.

Washington, Jan. 8.—The United
States has sent a note to Ambassador
Page at London vigorously protesting
against the British authorities' inter-
ference with and censoring mail from
the United States to Central European
countries.

Won't Fix Maximum Rate.

Galveston, Texas, Jan. 8.—Cable
advice from England indicate that
Great Britain will not fix a maximum
rate of \$2 per hundred pounds freight
on cotton from here to Liverpool, say-
ing such rate would entail a great loss
to British shipping and enable other
nationalities to advance to a higher
rate than the present \$2 quotation.

STEEL MILL STRIKE WAS CAUSE OF RIOT

THE ENTIRE BUSINESS SECTION
BURNED, STORES AND SALOONS
LOOTED AND HUNDREDS
ARE IN JAIL.

By Associated Press.

Youngstown, Ohio, Jan. 8.—Militia-
men this afternoon drove back with
fixed bayonets the strikers threaten-
ing the steel mill here. Four com-
panies of Cleveland militia were
ordered to the scene. Strikers, across
the river from East Youngstown, to-
day asked aid, reporting that there is
rioting there. Dynamite was placed
under the bridge connecting the two
towns to be exploded if a crossing was
attempted. Militia were sent and the
situation is quiet.

Business District Burned.

Youngstown, Ohio, Jan. 8.—There is
comparative quiet this morning in
East Youngstown, where wild scenes
of rioting and looting were enacted
last night by striking steel mill work-
ers. The officials believe that the
trouble is ended. One is known to be
dead and possibly 100 wounded. Ten
blocks of the town, including the en-
tire business district, is burned and
several thousand people are without
homes. The estimated property loss
is a million dollars. Three companies
of militia arrived last night and now
maintain guard. The saloons here are
closed.

The trouble began late yesterday
when the day shift of the steel mill
quit work and a crowd of 200 men and
women attacked the mill guards. More
than 300 workmen struck yesterday
for increased wages. After the mob
attacked they retreated, reformed and

MUST PAY PENALTY.

By Associated Press.

Austin, Texas, Jan. 8.—The insur-
ance commission today announced the
penalty of additional assessments for
Texas cities having bad fire records
during the last three years.

FAVORABLY REPORTED.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 8.—The senate
suffrage committee today favorably
reported the Anthony suffrage amend-
ment.

PHILA. OPENS RECORD AUTO SHOW.

Philadelphia, Jan. 8.—The big-
gest motor show ever held in this city
is opening today, and it will extend
until next Saturday night. The show
has double the floor space of previous
events, and the decorations and enter-
tainment are unique and attractive.

ANTI-WAR ECONOMISTS MEET.

Wellesley, Mass., Jan. 8.—The sec-
ond annual convention of the Society
to Eliminate the Economic Causes of
War opens here today. A business
session will open the meeting, and to-
morrow a mass meeting will be held,
at which Pres. Isaac Sprague will
give his annual address and Dr. S.
Martin of Alva, N. Y., will
speak. The final session of the con-
vention will be held in Faneuil Hall,
in Boston, on Monday afternoon.

AMERICAN SURGEON WILL TREAT SHELL-TORN FACES.

New York, Jan. 8.—Among the pas-
sengers on the steamship St. Louis
which sails today will be Dr. Richard
H. Harte, head of the College of Physi-
cians of Philadelphia, who goes to
the battleground in France to special-
ize in the treatment of soldiers whose
faces have been torn by shell and
shrapnel. Dr. Harte's great success
in Philadelphia in reconstructing con-
tours of disfigured faces has been lit-
tle short of marvellous. Skin grafting
is a large element in the work, but
the wounds of war will require the
restoration of tendons and the sutur-
ing of blood vessels and nerves. Dr.
James P. Hutchinson, a colleague of
Dr. Harte, has been at the head of
the American Ambulance since last
June.

U. S. AND TOWN AT ODDS OVER WAR HORSE BASE.

Boston, Jan. 8.—The question whe-
ther the town of Watertown, Mass.,
can prevent the establishment within
its boundaries of a receiving station
for western horses for shipment to
France for the use of the belligerent
nations will be tested today. It is
announced. U. S. District Attorney
Anderson has taken the attitude that
Watertown's objection to the horse is
an interference with interstate com-
merce which goes "beyond the neces-
sities of the case." The town has ob-
jected to the use of the Union Market
stockyards at Watertown as the re-
ceiving point for the war horses. The
Boston & Maine railroad will deliver
a shipment today, and is prepared to
contest legally any attempt on the
part of the town authorities to pre-
vent the receiving of the horses there.

commenced burning and looting. The
rioting lasted most of the night. Sa-
loons were entered and the wares con-
fiscated, men and women in a drunken
frenzy scooping up the liquor in their
hands from whiskey barrels where
cups were unavailable. Whiskey bar-
rels were placed in the streets for free
consumption.

Clothing stores were looted and the
strikers changed their old clothes for
new in the middle of the streets where
the flames made it as light as day.
The streets were finally cleared, al-
lowing the Youngstown fire depart-
ment to get to the flames. When the
rioters were rounded up the East
Youngstown jail was overflowing and
100 were brought here. The wreck by
the mob was complete and the village
is almost in ruins.

Mediator Sent.

Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 8.—The state
industrial commission has decided to
send F. C. Croxton, head of the statisti-
cal bureau and prominent in harmo-
nizing conditions in Ohio, to
Youngstown to act as a mediator in
the strike. He leaves tonight.

STATEMENT OF THE LAREDO NATIONAL BANK

LAREDO, TEXAS.

At the Close of Business, Dec. 31, 1915, as rendered to the Comptroller of the Currency
CONDENSED.

| RESOURCES | LIABILITIES |
|---|---|
| Loans and Discounts.....\$ 949,434.27 | Capital Stock.....\$ 200,000.00 |
| Furniture and Fixtures.....2,500.00 | Surplus Fund.....50,000.00 |
| Real Estate.....18,373.49 | Undivided Profits, net.....80,832.22 |
| United States Bonds.....165,000.00 | Dividend payable Jan. 1st, 1916 10,000.00 |
| Other Bonds and Securities.....6,791.17 | Circulation.....150,000.00 |
| Stock in Federal Reserve Bank 7,500.00 | Deposits.....983,255.22 |
| Cash and Exchange.....324,488.51 | |
| Total.....\$1,474,087.44 | Total.....\$1,474,087.44 |

J. K. BERETTA,
President.

B. M. ALEXANDER,
Vice-President.

SAM W. BROWN,
Cashier.

Buy your Tools from Us;
you will get good Tools



DO NOT TAKE "ANY OLD THING" WHEN YOU BUY
TOOLS. BUY OURS. WITH OUR TOOLS YOU CAN DO
MORE WORK AND BETTER WORK, WITH LESS LABOR.
AND THEY LAST LONGER.

WE WON'T PINCH YOU ON THE PRICE, BUT GIVE YOU
THE BEST MAKES AT A LOW PRICE.

DON'T YOU NEED SOME GOOD TOOLS RIGHT NOW?
COME IN.

A. DEUTZ & BROTHER

THE HOLIDAYS ARE OVER

But we are better able than ever to supply your wants in
the way of Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, etc. A special fea-
ture is our Optical Department, where an expert is ready
at all times to test you for errors of refraction.

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The Jeweler and Optician

Watch this space for
Bargains

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STRAND THEATRE TODAY

THE PEOPLE'S PLACE

PROGRAM:

Paramount in five parts, featuring
Elsie Janis, in "T'WAS EVER THUS,"

The great drama in three parts,
"THE WOMAN'S SHARE."
Tomorrow: THE GREAT SUBMA-
RINE EXPEDITION pictures, in seven
parts.

PRICES

CHILDREN

5c

ALWAYS

ADULTS

10c

From Friday's Daily.

A WRONG ATTITUDE.

It is not our desire to enter into any controversy with the Mexican daily paper published in Laredo, but in justice to ourselves, as well as to the health authorities and the public in general, some notice must be taken of the article in this morning's issue of that paper.

To begin with, we leave it to our readers which is inclined to stir up feeling between the two nationalities here; the paper which states the plain and incontrovertible facts as to the cause for closing the bridge, or the paper which accuses a public official of a country which is harboring the writer with wrongful acts? The paper which regrets the necessity for such an act, or the paper which attempts to show that the closing of the bridge was unjustified and uncalled for?

The statement that the presence of a large number of people gathered together at the present time would constitute a menace to the public health of Laredo is shown to be justified by the fact that without any such gathering we have had forced upon us a few cases of typhus, coming direct from Nuevo Laredo, and originating in other sections of Mexico. And this under normal traffic conditions, when a rigid inspection is made.

With regard to the cases of small-pox which the Mexican paper alleges that we have in Laredo, it is true that there have been some cases of that disease discovered and promptly isolated; and every single case is that of a Mexican, most of them newcomers amongst us!

There is not a single American, so far, who has been shown to have typhus in Laredo, while the few cases that have been discovered have all been Mexicans, of the class that pay little attention to home or personal sanitation.

The disingenuous statement that Dr. Hall, the state quarantine officer, had expressed his regret for having closed the bridge and promised that it should not occur again is stated by the doctor, in a personal interview, to be absolutely false.

So far as personal loss to the management of the bullfight is concerned, it is regrettable, but the manager was informed at the earliest date possible that the bridge would be closed, so that he might avoid further expense, and he was also informed that in the present state of the public health of Mexico no one would be permitted to cross the bridge to attend any public gathering of that nature.

It is unfortunate that persons like those who publish the Mexican daily in Laredo feel themselves called upon to reform the public morals of the Americans. It is a hopeless task for a stranger in our midst to attempt to change our laws, our customs and our habits.

The "afternoon sheet," as the Mexican paper calls us, existed for many years before the Mexican writer crossed to our hospitable shore to make a living. It always has maintained friendly relations with the Mexican residents of Laredo, as well as those across the river, and this is a late day to begin accusing us of attempting to "create animosity on the part of the American public against the Mexicans."

A signed statement in this issue shows the real reason why the bridge was closed. As the health officers say: "Quarantine measures are not respecters of persons or interests," and no matter how regrettable may be the loss to any person or interest, the quarantine will be strictly maintained when in the judgment of the officials it is necessary to protect the American people and prevent the importation of disease.

Were the Mexican writer to be a sufferer in his person or in that of a relative from typhus, it is probable that he would not feel animosity against those of his race who brought the disease here, but rather would feel that the American authorities had not done their duty in preventing its importation.

REPUBLICAN TACTICS.

While it has been repeatedly stated that the Republicans in congress would not attack the administration on its Europe policy, and that they would aid in the preparedness campaign, it is evident that they are not going to refrain from doing all in their power to provide themselves with thunder for the coming campaign.

Senator Fall of New Mexico, the persistent opponent of President Wilson's Mexican policy, has launched his torpedo against the administration ship in the form of a resolution which calls upon the president to inform the senate upon a myriad of questions regarding his Mexican policy, among which the following are quoted:

Is there a government now existing in Mexico, and if so, is such government recognized by this government? How is such government maintained, and where? Who is now the recogni-

ed head of such government, and is the same a constitutional government?

Further questions relate to the manner in which the recognition was brought about; to the assurances, if any, of protection of United States citizens by the Mexican government and the credence we should give such assurances; to the orders, if any, given to our officers on the border to protect American lives, property and peace; to the assurances, if any, of the Mexican government as to payment of claims of American citizens resulting from acts of Mexicans, etc.

It is evident that the resolution was introduced, not for the sake of information, but to embarrass the administration in every way possible. Officially, of course, there are many points touched upon by Senator Fall which are not known to the senate, yet there is not a senator or representative of the United States who is not fully informed as to the questions asked by the New Mexico senator.

There are many who do not agree with President Wilson at all points of his Mexican policy, but no one can deny that he has handled the vexing problem with skill during the past few months and that it seems to be in course of solution by the very policy which appears to arouse Senator Fall's antagonism.

Perhaps the Mexican policy of the administration is as good ammunition as the Republicans can find at present. They dare not go before the country as opposing the virile policy of President Wilson with regard to the problems of the European war and the submarine campaigns of the Teutons.

Again, the question of preparedness for defense has aroused such a wave of patriotic enthusiasm that no one—not even the most determined of Mr. Wilson's political opponents—dare resist the plan to put us in shape for defense against possible invasion and potential defeat.

There is little doubt that many Americans have felt for some time that the Mexican question was not being handled to their satisfaction. Many people of Texas have felt that the Mexican factions should have been prevented at all costs from continuing their killing of Americans on our own soil, while there are many who believe that we have narrowly escaped a war with Mexico, and that by no decided action of ours, but by accident.

But there is no denying that President Wilson has kept us from war with that country, whether by his policy of watchful waiting or through the conviction of the Mexican leaders that we would fight if he had to.

And if peace can come to Mexico through the recognition of the Carranza government—even though that government be in power through irregular and perhaps illegal means—then the recognition of Carranza is a good thing, not only for Mexico, but for this country as well.

It seems probable now, from the exposure of the Republican hand, that the game next summer is to be played along the lines which Senator Fall indicates in his resolution. But it will take stronger cards than any the Republicans now hold to win in the campaign.

It will be remembered that Mr. Wilson's Mexican problem is a discard from Mr. Taft's administration, and that the latter probably could have put an end to the difficulty before Mr. Wilson was inaugurated, had he chosen.

THE AUTO ORDINANCE.

To My Friends who Own Automobiles or Other Vehicles:

In answer to many inquiries by some of you concerning the recently enacted city ordinance prohibiting automobiles and other vehicles stopping in front of the Royal Opera House, I will say that I am determined to test such city ordinance and I will stand for all the expenses to carry same to the Texas courts. All I want of you is to come and stop at the Royal Opera House sidewalk as long as you feel like it, and let the city authorities arrest you; bonds and lawyers will be at your disposal. Go on; the wheel of progress has reached our doors and we cannot let anyone stop us in our attending to the welfare of our city.

The city ordinance in question tends to injure my legitimate business. If the city ordinance is detrimental to me, it is detrimental to all of you. The opera house is not like other business concerns. It is to the interest of every good citizen to see that this enterprise be protected. If you really appreciate what I give to the city of Laredo, then you should stand by me. Below is an expression which must satisfy all concerned:

Austin, Texas, Jan. 3, 1916.
Mr. H. F. Valdez and Sons:

Of all opera houses we have seen in San Antonio and here, the Royal of Laredo is the handsomest of them all.

MR. AND MRS. L. M. CLIFFORD.
As a man, can you stand these outrages to our community? Please answer.

H. F. VALDEZ.

FIREBOYS TO PARTICIPATE IN COMING CELEBRATION

APPOINT COMMITTEES TO GET BUSY WITH THEIR PARTS.

Committee Named to Take Charge of Reel and Paris Rule Races and Other Conducts Queen Contest.

At their regular monthly meeting at Firemen's Hall last evening the Laredo Volunteer Fire Department took up for consideration matters pertaining to their participating in the big celebration to be held in this city on Washington's Birthday, the celebration to begin on February 21 and conclude on February 23. The local fire department will have charge of what will perhaps be one of the most interesting and exciting features of the program—the hose reel races and the Paris rule races, which will be participated in by crack reel racing teams which will come from various parts of the state.

At the meeting last night the following committee was appointed by President Richter to take charge of the firemen's participation in the forthcoming celebration and to have charge of the reel and Paris rule races: Chief C. C. Biggio, Assistant Chief J. W. Falvela, Joe Moser, Carlos Richter and Robert H. Kilsby. This committee will at once take up correspondence with the various racing teams of the Texas Firemen's Association and invite them to come to Laredo to participate in the tournament. Prizes to be offered visiting teams will be as follows: First prize, \$150 cash; second prize, \$100 cash; third prize, \$50 cash, these being for the reel races. Separate prizes will be offered for the Paris rule races. The Laredo team will not compete for any of the cash prizes, but will run for time only, being one of the swiftest teams in the state.

President Richter last night appointed the following committee to take charge of and conduct the fire queen election contest and to have charge of the coronation, which will take place at a grand ball to be given in honor of the visiting firemen on the evening of February 22: J. W. Falvela, chairman; Carlos Richter, Joe Moser, Alphonse Wormser and Solomon C. Freed. The queen contest will be launched Monday and will close on February 15. The present queen of the fire department is Miss Maude Bigden and the indications are the contest for the election of a new queen will be a lively one, as the coronation event will be made one long to be remembered here, the incoming queen being crowned in the presence of a hundred or more visiting firemen from all parts of Texas, will be attended by her maids, representing the sponsors of the various companies and will lead the grand march of the firemen's ball with one of the visiting chiefs.

The annual report of Chief Biggio was made to the meeting, showing what had been accomplished by the fireboys during 1915. The report shows there were 21 fires during 1915 and only in 11 of them was it necessary to use water. In no instance was an adjoining building seriously damaged, for the fireboys got control of the fires in all cases following quick responses. The insurance key rate has been materially reduced during the past year and a further reduction is announced for 1916. The members of the fire department themselves purchased a chemical motor truck and presented it to the organization and the city has promised, as soon as it is in a position to do so, to purchase a larger chemical motor truck for the fireboys. The report also touches on numerous other matters of importance, all tending to show that there is no laxity with the Laredo firemen, but that they are up and doing and making their organization one second to none of the volunteer fire departments of the state.

Notice to Masons.

There will be a called communication of Laredo Lodge No. 547, Friday January 7th, at 4 p. m. Work in M. M. degree. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

W. B. HEANEK,
W. M.

Mr. P. M. Sauvignat Very Low.
It is with much sorrow that The Times announces that Mr. Paul M. Sauvignat, proprietor of the Laredo Ice Factory, was very low at noon today and not expected to live. He has been confined to his bed for the past ten days and he has been in an unconscious state ever since yesterday.

Notice to Tax-Payers.

My office in the County Court house is now open for the reception of assessments for the year 1916 and property owners will please call and render same as early as possible. Hours: 8 a. m. to 12, and from 1 to 5 p. m.

B. J. LEYENDECKER,
County Assessor of Taxes,
1-31m.

CORPUS CHRISTI WILL SEND BIG DELEGATION TO LAREDO

TO TAKE IN THE WASHINGTON CELEBRATION NEXT MONTH.

Seaside City Business Evangels Will Come Here on Special Train and Prepared for a Good Time.

Corpus Christi is preparing to reciprocate with Laredo in a very appreciable manner for the many excursionists sent from here to the seaside city on each Glorious Fourth and will this year send to Laredo a representative party of business men. They will be received with open arms and accorded every hospitality Laredo people are capable of, and then, too, they will be given an opportunity to get a few pointers on how to conduct and pull off a really big celebration and later strive to emulate it at Corpus. Here is what the Corpus Christi Caller of yesterday says about Corpus sending a big crowd here:

"Corpus Christi business men are planning to charter a special train of the Texas-Mexican railroad to carry 200 or more of their number to Laredo for the Washington Birthday celebration February 21, 22 and 23. Mayor Roy Miller, County Judge Walter F. Timon and other officials of Corpus Christi and Nueces county will be members of the party which promises to be the largest excursion ever operated out of the city.

"The tentative plan is to have the train leave here on the night of February 21, reaching Laredo to following morning, spend all of Tuesday in Laredo and leave about one o'clock Wednesday morning for the return trip. The Municipal Band of twenty-four pieces will accompany the excursionists.

"The trip is being planned as a compliment to the people of Laredo who by thousands visit Corpus Christi annually for the July Fourth celebration."

FACTS.

Health conditions in Laredo are under control and we consider ourselves capable of keeping the situation well in hand.

The federal, state and city health officers are working in accord with the single object in view of making every effort to prevent the importation of disease from Mexico.

The two daily trainloads of Mexican laborers being brought into Nuevo Laredo on military passes from the interior of Mexico, as far down as Mexico City, Orizaba, Toluca, etc., should be considered as public menaces, in that they come from known infected districts. These people are not being sent to the border to remain in Nuevo Laredo; they expect to come into our country to find work.

Whether at this moment there may or may not be any other cases of typhus in Nuevo Laredo, that city is harboring at least a thousand people from known infected districts; they are too evident to be denied.

What cases we have had of typhus have been traced back as having been infected in Nuevo Laredo, San Luis Potosi and Orizaba.

We would advise those persons not having urgent business necessitating their crossing into Mexico to stay at home.

Quarantine measures are not respecters of persons or interests.

O. J. COOK,

City Health Officer.

H. C. HALL,

State Quarantine Officer.

H. J. HAMILTON,

Public Health Officer.

"CABIRIA" HIGHLY COMMENDED

Thousands of People Thronged the Strand to Witness Colossal Production of Ancient History.

Thousands of people thronged the Strand Theatre yesterday afternoon and last night to witness the production of the great masterpiece, "Cabiria," a photodrama in twelve reels, and which took three hours to evolve. This drama, which is based on a time 200 years before the birth of Christ and is replete with ancient history, shows many primeval scenes and the environments of the people in the long ago. The scenic effects, the gorgeous costuming of the Roman warriors, the spectacular parades, the innumerable pageants and the traveling caravans, all contribute to making the production of "Cabiria" a stupendous affair and a colossal production that took much money and thousands of person to participate in the histrionic lines. Manager Johns of the Strand was deservedly complimented on the production, for truly it was the greatest photodrama of the kind ever witnessed in Laredo and is surpassed only by one play, "The Birth of a Nation."

TIMES WANT ADS.

\$\$\$\$\$ Money Makers \$\$\$\$\$

RUSSIAN FIGHTING GROWS DAILY MORE FEROCIOUS AND AUSTRIANS FALLING BACK

Russians Said to Have Gained Position Giving Them a Degree of Power in the Balkans, and Vienna Advices Acknowledge that Austrians Falling Back, While Russians Advance Against Germans.

HUNGRY AND THIRSTY ABANDON THE SHIP

WITHOUT FOOD OR WATER SINCE CHRISTMAS PASSENGERS WELCOMED RESCUE STEAMER PATRIS.

By Associated Press.
New York, Jan. 7.—One hundred and seventy-seven passengers abandoned the Greek steamer Thessaloniki and arrived today on the rescue steamer Patris. Hunger, thirst and terror were suffered by the passengers since December 21, when the steamer sprung a leak in a hurricane. They left all their baggage and personal belongings on the Thessaloniki. The meat supply was exhausted Christmas Day and only a few gallons of water were left. Heavy seas made the transfer difficult.

GOT FOUR YEAR SENTENCE.

By Associated Press.
Sherman, Texas, Jan. 7.—After pleading guilty, B. R. Wise was given a four year sentence for attempted murder of his wife. The wife will be permanently blind.

NO CLUES TO ROBBERY.

By Associated Press.
St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 7.—From \$600 to \$5,000 in cash and internal revenue stamps possibly totalling a million was stolen from the collector's office last night when the vault was blown. The exact amount is unknown. There are no clues.

KENTUCKY CATTLE BREEDERS MEET.

Lexington, Ky., Jan. 7.—The annual meetings of the Kentucky Beef Cattle Association and the Kentucky Sheep Breeders' Association are the final events today of Farmers' Week at the University. Hon. Henry C. Stuart, Governor of Virginia, a farmer and breeder of cattle, will be a speaker.

FLORIDA STATE BANKERS MEET.

Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 7.—Representatives of thirty-five state banks met here today for a convention, to discuss the concentration and economical handling of scattered funds, opportunities for investment, development and improvement, and to place the country towns on the same basis as the populous cities for marshalling their capital developing their resources.

WINNER TONIGHT MAY MEET WILLARD.

New York, Jan. 7.—With an excellent prospect in view for the winner of tonight bout between Moran and Coffey to meet Jess Willard for the title, much interest is taken in the ten-round clash at Madison Square Garden. Frank Moran, the Pittsburgh heavyweight, is the favorite over Jim Coffey, although the latter has fought some good battles and is going well just now.

How to Cure Colds.

Avoid exposure and drafts. Eat right. Take Dr. King's New Discovery. It is prepared from Pine Tar, healing balsams and mild laxatives. Dr. King's New Discovery kills and expels the cold germs, soothes the irritated throat and allays inflammation. It heals the mucous membrane. Search as you will, you cannot find a better cough and cold remedy. Its use over 45 years is a guarantee of satisfaction.

By Associated Press.
Paris, Jan. 7.—The Havas Petrograd correspondent says the Russian frontier fighting grows in ferocity, especially on the Tarnopol-Tremblowa front, where 800,000 men and 3,000 cannon are incessantly engaged. The roar of the cannon can be heard for 36 miles, the concussion breaking windows. Russian officers say they are advancing slowly, despite the German resistance.

Russians Gaining in Balkans.
London, Jan. 7.—Official Vienna advices say the Russian fighting has decreased in violence between Priepet and the Bessarabian frontier. The Austrians were driven from the cemetery at Czartorysk after a sanguinary fight. In the Kovel region it is said that the Russians obtained a position giving them a degree of power in Balkan affairs. Turkish forces are said to be concentrating on the Thracian Greek front and it is suggested that the Turks are seeking to regain the territorial losses of the Balkan wars.

British Submarine Sunk.
London, Jan. 7.—The admiralty today announced the sinking of a British submarine, unnamed, off the Danish coast this morning. The crew was saved.

Ford Party on Journey.
Copenhagen, Jan. 7.—The Ford peace party left here today for The Hague on a special bonded train through Germany. It will take eleven hours for the journey.

No Further Details.
Washington, Jan. 7.—There are no further details of the sinking of the Persia. Minister Penfield reported today that the Vienna foreign office up to January 4 had no information. Consul Garrets at Alexandria has obtained twenty-one affidavits confirming the report that no warning was given the ship before she was sunk. The cabinet discussed the question today.

Texas Cotton for Germany.
Washington, Jan. 7.—President Pope of the Texas Farmers Union today outlined his plans to congress. He plans for the shipment of a million bales of cotton to Germany for which the farmers will get 20 cents a pound. The shipment will be concentrated at Houston for sailing February 1.

Won't Need Election.
London, Jan. 7.—There is little doubt that a general election will be the last measure for the government to obtain general consent to the new compulsory service bill. It is believed that it will be won without an election.

German Proposals Satisfactory.
Washington, Jan. 7.—The German proposals believed to satisfy the United States in the Lusitania case were received by Ambassador Bernstorff this afternoon. The proposals are said to include indemnity for Americans lost and that Germany assures that submarine commanders in the Mediterranean will not torpedo privately owned lines of any description without warning.

Leaks! Leaks!
Have your leaky roofs repaired and painted with Womack's IXL roof paint. Guaranteed to stop all leaks. Capt. Womack is here from San Antonio and will look after the work. You can get him at Plaza Hotel or Phone 260.
14-6t.

Found a Secure Thing.
I. B. Wixon, Farmers Mills, N. Y., has used Chamberlain's Tablets for years for disorders of the stomach and liver and says, "Chamberlain's Tablets are the best I have ever used." Obtainable everywhere.

KIRCHWEY EXCLUDED THE NEWSPAPERMEN

NEW WARDEN OF SING SING EXCLUDED REPORTERS FROM EXECUTION CHAMBERS AT ELECTROCUTION.

By Associated Press.
Ossining, N. Y., Jan. 7.—Newspapermen were refused admission to the execution chamber this morning by the new Warden Kirchwey when Antonio Pronto, a Porto Rican, died for the murder of his sweetheart. Mr. Kirchwey is opposed to capital punishment, and "did not want it advertised."

SIXTEEN ARE MISSING.

By Associated Press.
Parkersburg, W. Va., Jan. 7.—Reports from the scene of the sinking of the packet Kanawha Wednesday said that the revised list shows that sixteen are missing.

AGED SAN ANGELAN DIED.

By Associated Press.
San Angelo, Texas, Jan. 7.—Antonio Rodello, said to have been 115 years old, died here today.

BOMBARDED WITH ICICLES.

By Associated Press.
Poughkeepsie, N. Y., More than 100 striking cigar factory girls bombarded the windows of the factory this morning with icicles.

JACKSON DAY BANQUET IN ST. LOUIS.

St. Louis, Jan. 7.—The annual Jackson Day banquet will be held here tonight and the Democrat leaders of this section are gathered to hear Senator Kern, the Democratic leader of the Senate, who will speak on national issues.

MILWAUKEE OPENS AUTO SHOW

Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 7.—An automobile show to run a full week is being opened in the Auditorium today by the Milwaukee Auto Dealers Association. The local exhibit will be on a par with the Chicago and New York exhibitions.

SLOT MACHINES ON TRIAL IN QUEBEC.

Quebec, P. Q., Jan. 7.—A test case of the right to keep slot machines in stores and bar-rooms comes up for trial today. The case interests all cities in the Province and authorities state they discovered that the machines were being used in some cases for gambling.

WOMEN'S DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE MEETING.

Washington, Jan. 7.—The fourth annual convention of the Woman's National Democratic League opened today at the New Willard. Mrs. Thomas R. Marshall, wife of the Vice-President, is honorary president of the League. Today's session is public and tomorrow an election of officers is scheduled.

Bad Habits.

Those who breakfast at eight o'clock or later, lunch at twelve and have dinner at six are almost certain to be troubled with indigestion. They do not allow time for one meal to digest before taking another. Not less than five hours should elapse between meals. If you are troubled with indigestion correct your habits and take Chamberlain's Tablets, and you may reasonably hope for a quick recovery. These tablets strengthen the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. Obtainable everywhere.

LITTLE LOCALS

--The Masons of Laredo will hold a special session Friday afternoon beginning at four o'clock. They will have some special degree work and they expect to have quite a number of visiting Masons here for the occasion. After the business is over there will be a social session at which "eats" will be served.

--The following importations from Mexico passed through this port today: Six carloads of ralamine, four carloads of itile and two carloads of hides.

--An important regular monthly meeting of the Laredo Volunteer Fire Department will be held at Firemen's Hall this evening at 8 o'clock. The fireboys are going to take a part in the February celebration, will crown their fire queen during that big event and will also furnish one of the most interesting and exciting features of the whole program. Members are urged to attend the meeting this evening.

--There have been several "dashing widows" from the East and also the Golden West applying to Pismaster Worsham to put them in communication with prospective husbands, and the P. M. in turn sends the letters to the "matrimonial editor" of the Times. Some want men and others "men or cowboys," as one little merry Quaker widow from Pennsylvania puts it.

--The onion crops are looking somewhat improved since the recent copious showers, for the moisture from the heavens has more pronounced recuperative powers than through the process of irrigation. In most fields the onion crop is presenting a thriving appearance and will make good yields.

--Large numbers of passengers continue to come and go daily on the trains in and out of this city from and to Mexico. Some of the American passengers from the section between Nuevo Laredo and Saltillo and Monterey report conditions gradually improving. The last vestige of fear of revolutionary bandits pouncing upon them have disappeared and the people are resuming their work again.

"WANTED: A MAN OR COWBOY"

Lonesome Quaker Widow, Tired of Living By Herself and Seeing No Hopes, Proposes at Large.

Postmaster Worsham is being much sought after through the mails these days by lonesome widows and damsels in distant states seeking husbands, but the postmaster readily rids himself of further trouble in this line and drops the letters in the Times box, where it in turn is placed on the desk of the "matrimonial editor." Yesterday Postmaster Worsham received a letter from Pennsylvania addressed "To the Cowboys in Care of the Postmaster at Laredo, Texas." Mr. Worsham opened the missive, perused it hurriedly and then made the notation, "Broke through mistake--try Jim F." Well, we got it--anybody wants a widow can get her my pronto. She must have been undergoing all the paroxysms of some terrible ordeal when she wrote the letter, for it resembles the tracks made by a chicken after the head is severed and it is thrown on the ground to expire. Even with circumstantial evidence against her, this widow says she "is a writer of poplar songs," but maybe she means sagebrush cantos.

In her letter she says she wants "a cowboy or a man." Now while both are of the same kind, she classifies them in a rather peculiar way. One is a man and the other is a man--one may be a masculine person possessed of all the virility that is his natural makeup, while the other may be one of those harmless, unsophisticated nonentities with a standing collar and a latest style pair of creased trousers whom civilization classes as a dude. Let us hope she gets a "cowboy" in preference to a "womanish man" so called. But here is the widow's letter in its original composition, phraseology and devoid of proper capitalization, for the fountain pen which she used in writing the missive had few capitals in it. Here is the "English as she is write:"

lamberton, pa. Desembur 23 1915.
To a cow boy, won't some one pleas write to me, i am a yung lady age 28 years, i have gray ize and brown hair i Would like to write to a boy about 28 or 30 years old. i will send foto of my self if you will Take the Time to write i am looking for a Cow boy or a man if i can find the boy who Suites me and i do him i will come west, i am a writer of Poplar Songs am a widow no children. am a lady not a flurt my name is H-- B. C., lamberton, pa."

Here is a chance for a "knight of the chaps" or a man to get a widow. Her full name will be furnished on application to Matrimonial Editor of Times.

PERSONALS

John D. Davis of Joyce is in the city and is stopping at the Bender.

J. I. Vorhies of San Antonio is a guest at the Hamilton.

Dr. W. M. Turner of Tampico is registered at the Hamilton.

Matias de Llano, one of the principal representatives in Mexico of the big wholesale house of J. Armengol of this city arrived home yesterday after an absence of several months. He has been busy shaking hands with his many Laredo friends.

BENDER:--J. R. St. John, Dallas; T. L. Stoner, San Antonio; S. L. Belden, A. Gonzales, J. A. Treviño, San Berdino, Calif.; W. H. Frozier, San Antonio; B. C. Kennedy, Washington; J. D. Davis, Dolores; D. Hale, Jr., San Antonio; Jose Belden, Monterey; C. Q. Schleeth, Denver, Col.; W. B. Valls, Waco; Gerald Rivero, C. S. McKinney, El Paso; H. Syms, San Antonio; Thos. Brown, Dallas; I. J. McDonald, Mexico City.

HAMILTON:--Dr. W. M. Turner, S. Rodriguez, Tampico; J. R. Sanford, Monterey; J. F. Anderson, Otis Peaslee, San Antonio; Ge de Saro, Brownsville; R. LeMare, Lampazos; A. Samson, Monterey; W. A. Cruz, Cameron; J. W. McGee, H. L. Smith, W. Granata, H. Mathews, R. Henderson, S. H. Newton, Wm. Sackville, San Antonio; Geo. W. Harris, Snyder; J. I. Vorhies, San Antonio.

FACES SENTENCE AS FIREBUG.

Hacksack, N. J., Jan. 6.--The friends of Mrs. Marian C. Merrill, formerly a social leader in Indiana, have petitioned Judge William M. Seufert for clemency for Mrs. Merrill, when her case is called tomorrow. Mrs. Merrill was convicted last month of having tried to burn her home in Hasbrouck Heights, N. J. Mrs. Merrill was to have been sentenced Christmas eve, but the judge felt it was not an appropriate time, and he allowed Mrs. Merrill to return to her home and her two children for the holidays. The neighbors of Mrs. Merrill have secured many names to their petition, and it is considered probable, in view of the pitiful circumstances in the case that she will get her freedom under a suspended sentence.

The Merrills were formerly wealthy and lived in Laporte and Michigan City, Ind., where the wife was extremely popular. They moved to New Jersey some ten years ago, and it is said that the family fortune was lost in mining ventures. It is understood that J. St. John Merrill, the husband, is working in a New York printing office and is separated from his wife. The attempt to burn her home was made by Mrs. Merrill in an attempt to obtain the insurance of \$2,000.

CLEAR AS MUD.

A certain judge, somewhat famed for the profligacy and subtlety of his reasoning, looked at a confused and bewildered witness, while his face took on the most benign expression as he endeavored to straighten out the question which had been propounded by counsel.

"Now, my good woman," he said, cheerfully and reassuringly, "you have only to answer in the fewest possible words these simple queries: Whether, when you were crossing the street with the baby on your arm, and the stage was coming down on the right, and the cab on the left, and the brougham was trying to pass the stage, you saw the plaintiff between the brougham and the cab, or the brougham and the stage, whether he seemed in haste, and which one of the three cabs coming from the other direction he appeared to you to be halting."

The now thoroughly bewildered witness wiped her spectacles and meekly made answer: "Yes, your honor!"--Chicago News.

DUTY

Karl of the Zeppelin crew looked down
On the sleeping town.
Searchlights shafted rustling air;
Guns barked flame from a hidden lair;
Mockingly graceful the war bird flew
Groping for targets there.

Karl of the Zeppelin crew looked down
On the sleeping town.
How like old Heidelberg, dreaming so,
Where his own kinder slept, free from woe.
Sharp as a whipcrack the order came;
He scattered hot death below.

Karl of the Zeppelin crew looked down
On the tortured town.
Flames and panic! Then through the night
A child soul stared in its upward flight.

Dawn found Karl by a shattered home,
A sprawling, sickening sight.
--John B. Kennedy, in New York Mail.

SOCIETY

Mrs. Violet S. Oberfeldt
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SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Thursday.

The Married Ladies Social Club will be entertained by Mrs. Agnes Huberich at three o'clock in the afternoon.

The Girl's Thursday Bridge Club will be entertained by Miss Alice Denike at fifteen minutes after four o'clock in the afternoon.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Baptist Church meets with Mrs. Trout at three o'clock in the afternoon.

Friday.

The Bishop Johnston Junior Auxiliary will meet at the rectory at four o'clock in the afternoon.

The B. Y. P. U. Jr. will hold a regular weekly meeting at four o'clock in the afternoon at the Baptist Church.

The Laredo Choral Club will hold its regular weekly meeting with Mrs. T. A. Austin at four o'clock in the afternoon.

After the Holidays.

The drum in the corner lies forlorn,
A hole in its head unended;
While battered and bent is the Christ-mas horn
Its mission on earth is ended.

The doll has ruined her wardrobe all,
Her bed no more is slept on;
But out in the maze of dim lighted hall,
She's often rudely stepped on.

For Santa Claus in the neighborhood
Of the distant pole now snoozes;
And Willie makes up for the time he was good,
And Jane is as bad as she chooses.

General Mention.

Mrs. S. B. Scott of Dallas arrived on Tuesday for a several weeks' visit to her daughter, Mrs. H. C. Hall.

Miss Marzelle Beene has returned to Little Rock, where she is attending school.

Will Sames returned yesterday to San Marcos, where he is a student at the Baptist Academy.

Mrs. W. W. MacGregor has received the sad news of the death of her cousin, Mr. Charles L. Jones, a prominent business man of New York City.

Mrs. Edward O. Staben, on her return from San Antonio, where she spent the holidays with her parents, arrived in Laredo yesterday. She will sojourn for a few days at Bella Vista and then go to her home in Joyce.

Mrs. L. M. Wharton has as her guest, Miss Huffard of Bristol, Virginia. Mrs. Wharton has been confined to her room for several days with la grippe, but hopes are entertained for her speedy recovery.

Mrs. Kirby Walker, wife of Captain Walker of the U. S. Army and formerly Miss Lamar Hamilton of this city, will arrive here Monday from Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, for a visit to her parents, Dr. and Mrs. H. J. Hamilton.

Mrs. R. S. Dixon and daughter have returned from San Antonio, where they spent the holidays with relatives.

The following was taken from a San Antonio paper and will be of interest to Mrs. Hamilton's friends in Laredo: "Mr. Henry D. Brown entertained at luncheon Tuesday in honor of her house guest, Mrs. Arthur Claude Hamilton of Laredo. Covers were laid for Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. John Bagley of College Station, Mrs. C. C. Todd, Mrs. Barton Lane, Mrs. A. W. Alexander, Misses Jean Aubrey, Mary Aubrey, Lolita McCulloch, Nell Pryor and Virginia Lamar."

Studio Tea.

Mrs. D. F. Anderson will give a studio tea Saturday afternoon, January 15, at 3:30 o'clock. The program will be given by the following pupils of Mrs. Anderson's: Mrs. L. M. Wharton, Mrs. F. A. Thomas, Miss Josephine Staben and Miss Courtney Slaughter.

Announcement.

There will be a called general meeting of the Married Ladies Dancing Club on Saturday morning at ten o'clock, in the Hamilton parlors, for the election of new members. A full attendance is requested.

Dinner.

Major and Mrs. Alonzo Gray entertained most pleasantly at dinner last evening. Covers were laid for Misses Kathleen Coulter, Olive and Alice Gray, Lieutenants Coulter, Herr and

Hornsby Evans, and the host and hostess.

Club Notes.

The Heights Civic League held a short business meeting yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. M. P. Cullinan. The president was unable to attend on account of illness and Mrs. Cullinan presided. It was decided to change the regular monthly meeting day from the first Wednesday of the month to the first Monday of each month. There will also be a called meeting before the next regular meeting.

The Methodist Women's Missionary Society held a business meeting at the Methodist Church yesterday afternoon and a very interesting meeting was held. Those present were: Mesdames J. K. Thompson, Burr, Wilson, Guinn, Lockwood, Irvin, Buenz, W. H. Mims, and T. A. Bunn.

The Parish Guild of Christ Church met with Mrs. B. F. Wright yesterday afternoon. Plans were made for the year's work, and the Guild will continue to meet Wednesday of each week at three o'clock in the afternoon. The first and third Wednesday of each month will be devoted to working for the Easter sale. At the conclusion of the business on hand a pleasant social hour was enjoyed and delicious sandwiches, cakes and teas were served to the following: Mesdames W. B. Arthur, H. A. Clark, R. L. Puster, Frank Nye, Elmer Anderson, J. W. Mussett, G. C. Woodman, W. W. MacGregor, W. N. Young, Chas. Cook, Miss Allen and the hostess.

Entertainments.

The Girl's Social Club held a business and social meeting yesterday afternoon with Miss Etta Thaison. A most delightful afternoon was enjoyed and at the conclusion of the business a salad course was served. Those present were: Misses Theodora Gullette, Maud Mussett, Ethel Mussett, Ethel Mackin, Elizabeth Mussett, Myrtle Mackin, Edna Brown, Cleo Pereira, and the hostess.

The following clipping was taken from a San Antonio paper and will be of interest to many Laredo people, as Bishop Capers is well known in this district:

"Bishop and Mrs. William T. Capers entertained with a dinner dance at the Menger, Monday night, in honor of their son, Ellison Howe Capers, and his bride, who were married December 2, in Lexington, Ky. The table held a mound of lavender and white sweet peas, encircled by fern fronds and shaded tapers. Covers were laid for sixty-five. At 9:30 the guests repaired to the ball room, where they were joined by fifty additional guests, for the reception and dance. Assisting Bishop and Mrs. Capers in entertaining were Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Bee, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Chandler, Judge and Mrs. Arthur W. Seeligson, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Woodhull, Mr. and Mrs. Lafayette Ward, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Bennett Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Richard Negley and Mr. and Mrs. George Gillette. Mrs. Capers was gowned in yellow satin with corsage bouquet of orchids. Mrs. Ellison Howe Capers wore white taffeta, brocaded with silver and trimmed with silver lace."

The following invitations have been received in town and everyone is planning a complete surprise for the event. Let us hope that there will not be a superfluous number of Romeos and Julietts:

"Shakespeare Costumes. Mask. General and Mrs. Robert Kennan Evans at home, Saturday evening, January 22, at 8:30 o'clock. Post Gymnasium. Dancing."

BAY STATE INAUGURATES GOVERNOR.

Boston, Jan. 6.--Hon Samuel W. McCall, the new governor of Massachusetts, will be inaugurated today at the State House. Many prominent Republicans from different parts of the country will be in evidence, to celebrate the return of Massachusetts to Republican leadership.

OBJECT: UNDOUBTEDLY MATRIMONY.

The woman of the house reached the conclusion that the attachment of the policeman for her cook must be investigated, lest it prove disastrous to domestic discipline.

"Do you think he means business, Bridget?" she asked.
"I think he does, mum," said Bridget. "He's begun to complain about my cookin', mum."

ITALIAN LINER CARRIED GUNS BECAUSE OF FEAR OF SUBMARINE ATTACKING HER

Our Government will Demand that Guns be Removed before Ship Sails from New York on Her Return Voyage--Reported that Royal Italian Navy Gunners had Charge of Guns and Held Practice with Them.

CALL FOR BANK STATEMENTS.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 6.--The comptroller of the currency today issued the call for the statement of the condition of national banks at the close of business December 31. He also instructed banks to make a list of loans in the year for which interest had been charged at a rate of more than the equivalent of 5 per cent per annum. This is to learn if the banks have violated the usury laws.

WILL INCREASE WAGES.

By Associated Press.

New York, Jan. 6.--The United States Steel Corporation has decided to increase the wages of unskilled employees 10 per cent.

ROOSEVELT TO WEST INDIES.

By Associated Press.

New York, Jan. 6.--Theodore Roosevelt will leave February 15 for a three months' tour of the West Indies.

AMATEUR HOCKEY LEAGUE OPENS SEASON.

Boston, Jan. 6.--Twenty games are on the schedule of the Amateur Hockey League, the season of which opens here tonight with the Harvard Club of Boston lined up against the Crescent A. C. Eight games will be played and twelve on the St. Nicholas rink in New York.

PRESIDENT TO ADDRESS SCIENTISTS.

Washington, Jan. 6.--The Pan-American Scientific Congress is nearing its close, and the visitors from many American republics are relaxing into the delights of entertainment afforded by their Washington hosts. Today many of the delegates are at Mount Vernon, and will return in time to hear President Wilson's address, which is set for nine o'clock this evening.

The sessions of the women delegates, wives of delegates, and prominent American women leaders are most interesting today. Mrs. Percy Pennybacker presides today. Mrs. Charlotte Perkins Gilman speaks on the relation of women to social progress; Mrs. Florence Kelly will tell of women's responsibility in controlling the family purse strings, and other women leaders will be heard.

DENIES SHE USED HUSBAND AS MAID.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 6.--The continued hearing in the divorce action of Dr. A. Victory Robb, known in the medical world as Dr. Seymour, comes up on Saturday. She seeks a divorce from her young husband, Frederick, and the case has many interesting features.

Dr. Robb denies emphatically that she ever made a lady's maid of her husband, as he charges in his answer and cross-bill. She denies that her husband had ever been made to manicure her nails, dress her hair, or do any of the essentially feminine things that he alleges in his bill. She claims that she married him to save him from suicide, and that she would be wealthy today but for the extravagance of her husband. She declares that the only time he altered any of her gowns was when she had nothing to wear but an old black skirt, which she made him fix up. She disclaims the charge that her husband makes that he was forced to be housemaid, and says that about all he did was to ride around in her auto and spend her money.

Bull Fight Sunday.

Manuel Fernandez & Co. the new bull fight managers of Nuevo Laredo announce that they will pull off a big exhibition next Sunday and that six bulls will be fought and killed and there will be three "matadores." They also announce that the authorities of Nuevo Laredo are doing everything that is required by health authorities of this city and that there will be no quarantine or closing of the bridge as on last Saturday and Sunday.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 6.--The state department probably will send representations to Italy regarding two four-inch guns mounted on the stern of the liner Giuseppe Verdi, arriving in New York today. Passengers said the government instructed guns to be placed to repel submarine attacks. Our government wants the guns dismounted before the vessel leaves New York.

Gunners of the Royal Italian navy were in charge of the ship's guns, according to the Verdi's captain, and daily practiced hitting barrels in the water as targets.

General War Notes.

London, Jan. 6.--The Russian pressure on the Austrian lines from Volynia to Bukovina continues heavy, with sanguinary fighting. The report of the evacuation of Czernowitz by the Austrians is unconfirmed. Petrograd claims that the Russians compelled the defenders to fall back to their secondary defense and definitely assume the defensive. The French are pounding on the German trenches in Champagne and claim damage by the bombardment. Berlin says the French grenade attack on the German line at Le Mesnil was easily repulsed, adding that the allied artillery is shelling the important towns of Lens, northeast of Arras. Two British aeroplanes were shot down by Germans in the Lens fighting.

Saw No Submarine.

Washington, Jan. 6.--Ambassador Penfield at Vienna has cabled that he has presented informally to the Austrian foreign office the request of the United States for information concerning the sinking of the Persia. Consul Garrett at Alexandria reported that the affidavits he is gathering from survivors gave no further proofs that the liner was submarined or regarding the craft's nationality than the first despatches contained. Rev. Homer Salisbury, an American missionary in India, who embarked on the Persia at Marseilles, has been given up for lost, according to the steamship line's report to London. The only statements that the liner was torpedoed came from an officer who said he saw the ripple of a torpedo. No submarine was seen.

WANTS MILLION MEN WITHIN SIX YEARS

PROPOSED PLAN FOR ARMY INCREASE GIVEN TO HOUSE MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE TODAY.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 6.--Secretary Garrison presented a formal argument for an increased army to the house committee on military affairs today. The plan provides for a mobile federal force of 1,000,000 men in six years, the accumulation of a huge reserve of ammunition and elaborate coast defenses, the whole project involving an increased expense of \$600,000,000 and an annual war department budget of more than \$200,000,000 each year thereafter.

McCALL WAS INAUGURATED.

By Associated Press.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 6.--Samuel W. McCall, Republican, was inaugurated governor of Massachusetts at noon.

Meeting Hose Co. No. 3.

This evening, immediately following the adjournment of the Laredo Fire Department meeting there will be a special meeting of the members of Rescue Hose Co. No. 3 for the transaction of important business.

J. R. FAENACHT, Secretary.

TIMES WANT ADS.

\$\$\$ Money Makers \$\$\$

BELIEVED NO FATALITIES.

By Associated Press.

Parkersburg, W. Va., Jan. 6.--Captain Berry, aged 62, the passengers and the crew of the steamer Kunawha, sunk last night in the Ohio river, arrived here today. The captain does not believe there were any fatalities, but will return for a search.

WALLACE IRWIN WEDS KENTUCKY WRITER.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 6.--Wallace Irwin, the author, will marry here today Miss Laetitia MacDonald of Louisville, who has had success as an amateur writer. This is Mr. Irwin's second marriage, his first wife having died in 1914. His bride of today is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald McDonald. After a wedding tour, they will make their home in New York, where the author is popular in club life and in literary circles.

BID FOR NEW ENGLAND SUPPORT

Boston, Jan. 6.--Former Senator Theodore E. Burton, Ohio's favorite son in the contest for the Republican nomination for the presidency, is making his bid for New England support in a speech which he will deliver at the Chamber of Commerce. His talk is not of political character, so far as his own candidacy is concerned, but it promises an attack on the Wilson administration. The subjects he will take up are the project of government owned merchant marine and the effects of the recently-enacted seamen's law.

NEW ATHLETIC CODE FOR PRIVATE SCHOOLS.

New York, Jan. 6.--New rules and regulations to govern athletics in private schools will be adopted at a meeting to be held here tomorrow of the principals of the leading private schools of the East. The committee which has been threshing out the matter will recommend the adoption of a rule which will debar from private school teams all boys who are given any scholarship stipend or who are furnished with remunerative employment. This will wipe out the practice of proselytizing, and no longer will the accusation be made that the private schools are "stealing the athletes" from the public high schools.

GOLFERS MAY ABANDON HANDICAPPING.

Chicago, Jan. 6.--Matters of the highest importance to golfers will come up on Saturday at the annual meeting of the United States Golf Association which will be held here on Saturday. The executive committee will recommend the substitution of an eligibility list for the unsatisfactory national handicap list, the various State or district associations to furnish their respective lists of edibles. The rules committee of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews is being asked to join the American organization in revising some of the rules, one aim of which is to have the same penalty for the lost ball as for the ball out of bounds. It is also desired to have a revised rule in stroke competition whereby, when two balls are in line on the putting green, the ball nearer the hole shall be holed, instead of granting the present option of lifting or holding. It is also said that there is a need of qualifying the severity of the rule asking advice.

FOR SAFETY'S SAKE.

Business was very brisk, so the firm appointed Patrick foreman, a position of which he was very proud. He was always fussing around, ordering this and altering that. One morning his gang of men stopped work because they heard the well-known voice of their new foreman shouting loudly. Down below on the ground stood Pat, yelling lustily, and waving his arms wildly. "Oi say, you up there!" he shouted. "You know that ladder at the end of the scaffolding? Well, don't any av yez thry to come down, because Ol've taken it away."--Philadelphia Record.

From Wednesday's Daily.

PREPARING FOR FUTURE.

One of the fundamental bases for the national defense plans formulated by army and navy strategists is the belief that there is a possibility in the future of a combined attack by two foreign powers to break down the new Pan-American doctrine evolved from the Monroe doctrine.

It is believed, however, that not for ten years will any of the European powers be able to readjust their affairs so as to enter into an offensive alliance against the Americas.

Upon this basis, the plans propose such a strengthening of our naval power by 1925 that it will equal that of any two countries, with the exception of Great Britain, and the army must also be so strengthened that it could send sufficient troops to any threatened Pan-American country to oppose successfully any attempted invasion.

This is carrying the Monroe doctrine to its legitimate conclusion. It has been used, more or less successfully, as a bugbear by the European nations to swing the Latin-Americans away from our side, and it has been used by the Central and South American leaders to drill their followers into line when any break in the friendly relations of the continental countries was proposed.

For us to arrogantly assume that we must police the entire hemisphere, with or without the consent of the lesser nations, was not the intention of President Monroe when he enunciated the doctrine that has been the bone of contention for some years past.

The doctrine was that no foreign power shall be permitted to exploit any country in the two Americas, or to force upon any nation any terms which would not be acceptable to any other nation, and that the United States stands ready to aid to the extent of its power any smaller nation which shall be in need of such aid.

There is nothing patronizing or humiliating in the doctrine, especially in its newer form, and the sovereignty of all the republics is recognized as being of equal importance with that of any other nation on earth.

Despite the antagonistic feeling which has been fostered steadily by enemies of the United States, the southern republics have always felt a confidence in our integrity of purpose, a fact which is proved by their refusal to be drawn into costly defense programs.

With but few exceptions, there are practically no navies in the Western hemisphere besides our own. The armies of the other republics, save when the government is fighting against a revolt, are all small and ineffective.

It is for this reason that the wise and prudent men of all the Latin-American countries have always listened to our counsel and have shown a disposition to be led by us in all things concerning international disputes. They feel that our friendship is more necessary to them than that of any other country, especially the other countries whose traditions are opposed to a democratic rule.

It is true that most wars result because of commercial struggles, and the stake of the European nations in Central and South America is a great one, and one that they will not relinquish without a fierce struggle.

But once convinced that the Pan-American combination is a fact and not a theory, they will be careful about their treatment of the smaller nations, and will not be so apt to try to force their trade upon the people at the point of a bayonet or the mouth of a gun.

There is nothing in the new program which binds the other nations to increase their armies or navies. There is nothing in the agreement which it is proposed to secure which prevents any of the nations from conducting its affair in its own way, so long as it does not interfere with the rights and privileges of the others.

But it does bind them all to stick together and withstand all onslaughts of a common enemy, remembering that the interests of Europe and of America are not always the same and that what is for the best good of a European manufacturer is not always for the best good of his customers.

THE COMING YEAR.

James J. Hill, the great financier and railroad builder, thinks we will have plenty of troubles of our own during the coming year, especially if the war soon ends. Higher taxes, higher money rates, increased competition, labor troubles and lack of shipping to carry our products to foreign countries are among the things which Mr. Hill believes will come to worry us.

Naturally we must look for higher taxes to carry out our proposed preparedness program. But higher taxes are not always an affliction, as low taxes usually prevail in times of industrial and commercial depression.

There is reason to expect higher money rates, for the world will be looking for money because of the enormous war expenses and the frightful industrial destruction in Europe. Increased demand for anything always raises the selling price, and money is no exception to the rule that governs other commodities.

There is no doubt that the European countries will make the strongest efforts to rehabilitate themselves, and the only way they can do that is to enter into competition with us in the world markets. The lack of sufficient labor may make European wages somewhat higher for a time, but wages will soon be brought to their old level, if not indeed to a lower one. This will enable hustling salesmen to scale our prices, even though the goods are not of the same high quality, and we will find ourselves met in every foreign market with a fierce competition which will necessitate either a lessening of profits or a reduction of manufacturing costs.

We are almost certain to have labor troubles as soon as the war has ended. In many industrial lines the wages have been greatly increased because of the enormous profits obtainable

from war orders, and as soon as this class of business ends, the manufacturers are going to propose a reduction in wages. As Mr. Hill says: "It is an easy matter to put wages up. It is a slow matter to get them down."

The cessation of war orders and the remodeling of many hundreds of factories throughout the United States will necessitate a reorganization of many business concerns, and it will take months to re-establish old manufacturing plants to equip them for their former lines of manufacture.

Meanwhile the labor organizations are going to fiercely resent any proposal to cut down wages, and there will no doubt be strikes and lockouts in great numbers before the year is ended.

Our lack of shipping to carry our products abroad is perhaps one of the greatest problems to be met. At present we are the greatest users of freight carriers, but as soon as the belligerents accept peace terms, they will need all the vessels they own, and we shall find ourselves in the position of a man with goods to sell and plenty of customers, while he has no way of delivering the goods.

The new shipping law is doubtless one of the most disturbing features of the present shipping problem. It is ostensibly to protect the American seaman, while everybody in the shipping business knows that "there ain't no such animal." The wage scale and the conditions of work demanded by the law are well enough if there were any men to fill the positions.

The requirement that a majority of the men shipped on any vessel flying the American flag shall understand the English language is beside the question. There never has been any lack of understanding on the part of the seamen on any American vessel, while there have been dozens of vessels under our flag without a single American seaman aboard.

The admission of foreign built vessels to American register is one of the best moves that has made in nearly a century. But if it continues, the owners of American shipyards, as well as the workmen, will complain and demand that the foreign-built vessels be prohibited from American register, as they have been ever since the Civil War until the past year.

It is not a pleasant prospect which faces us, but the genius of the American people will be capable of handling the problems acceptably, and we shall probably get through the year much better than our European neighbors.

General Sherwood, an 86-year-old veteran of the Civil War, opposes preparedness and says he is ready to fight again. It is because we were not prepared in 1861 that men like him rose to be generals. And we need something besides political appointees behind the guns nowadays.

Mrs. Woodrow Wilson took charge of the White House yesterday and went right to housekeeping. We warn her husband right now that he better keep his feet off the best bed and watch where he throws his cigars.

With the news that the Derby recruits in less than two months were about three millions comes the news that an official has resigned because he opposes conscription. Heavens! Do they need conscripts with that many recruits?

Secretary McAdoo wants \$100,000 to fight pellagra and typhoid fever in the South in the new campaign for sanitation. If the stingy Northerners can spare that much we can put it to good use down here, especially if it is to go to Southern doctors.

RAILROAD TIME TABLE.

Texas Mexican.
Leaves for Corpus Christi at 8:20 a. m.
Arrives from Corpus Christi at 3:55 p. m. Standard time.

International & Great Northern.
Through fast train for St. Louis leaves at 1 and arrives at 1:50 p. m.

I. & G. N. Night Train.
Leaves at 8 p. m. and arrives at 7:15 a. m.

Rio Grande & Eagle Pass.
Train No. 1 leaves Laredo daily except Sunday at 8 a. m. Arrives at Minera at 10:30 a. m.
Train No. 2 leaves Minera daily except Sunday at 1:15 p. m. Arrives at Laredo at 2:30 p. m.

Climate Failed; Medicine Effective

Sufferers from Tuberculosis often think that medicine will not help them. Fresh air, regular habits and good food aid in restoring health, but more is often needed. Many have been restored to health by Eckman's Alternative. Read this—

"Gentlemen—Through your instrumentality I have been saved from a premature grave. On December 14, 1904, I was taken with Typhoid Pneumonia, which developed into Tuberculosis. (The latter was found). In February, 1905, I went to Fort Worth, Texas, and later to Canon City, Colorado. After being there two weeks my physician informed me that my case was hopeless. Three weeks later I returned home, weighing 103 pounds, the doctor having given me no assurance of reaching there alive. On July 14, 1905, I began taking Eckman's wonderful remedy for Lung Trouble. Now I am stout and well and can do any kind of work about my grain elevator." (Abbreviated.)

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ECLIPSES OF SUN AND MOON.

And Then, Too, It is Leap Year, and "Four Years of Preparedness" Will Now Have Its Play.

THE year 1916 will go down into history as one replete with eclipses. Three eclipses of the sun and one of the moon are scheduled to occur. Matrimonially speaking, there will be a total eclipse of the mere man's freedom of choice in the selection of a wife, for now ye all that Jan. 1 usher in the Leap year as well as the New Year.

Incidentally, the calendar will be quite flush, for it will contain fifty-three Sundays and fifty-three Saturdays. Thus there is promised one more church day for the religiously inclined, and one more show day for those whose mind tends toward things worldly.

To those who were so unfortunate as to be born on the 29th day of February, 1916 brings intense joy, as it marks the first opportunity in four years for the celebration of that important event.

For the feminine world 1916 will mean the crowning or the shrouding of desire. They're all keyed up and primed for the occasion, so to twist the popular phrase that follows the announcement that Bill Smith has a brand new buggy to suit the changed conditions. "Look out, fellows!"

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

- JANUARY 5
- 62 B. C.—Died—Cataline, the Roman conspirator, slain in a battle in Etruria.
 - 1536—Died—Catherine of Aragon, the divorced queen of Henry VIII of England, and an important figure in European history.
 - 1559—Died—Catherine de Medici, political genius of France, who instigated the infamous Massacre of St. Bartholomew's, a black chapter in church history.
 - 1798—Congress voted \$12,800 to Kosciuszko, the Polish leader in the American Revolution.
 - 1799—Treaty of defensive alliance between England and Turkey.
 - 1830—Riots in England as protest against labor-saving machinery.
 - 1838—Canadian insurgents attacked Toronto; United States proclaims neutrality.
 - 1884—Convict at Belleville, Ill., burnt; Mother Superior and 30 girls killed.
 - 1910—Secretary Knox proposed to the powers that the jurisdiction of the International Prize Court at The Hague be extended to make it a court of arbitral justice.
 - 1914—Henry Ford announced a profit-sharing plan to distribute ten millions a year among his employees.
 - 1915—Industrial Relations Commission began its probe of the big philanthropies, to ascertain the influence of the givers on American educational institutions.
 - 1915—THE WAR.
Allies make gains along the Belgian coast. British shell capital of German East Africa, destroying all vessels in harbor. Germans claim to have crossed Buzza river in Poland. Steamship Hannah sailed for Holland with huge cargo of food and clothing for the Belgians, the gift of the people of Kansas.

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Ladies! Ask Your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold metallic boxes, sealed with Blue Ribbon. Take no other. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for CHICHESTER'S PILLS. BRAND PILLS for 22 years known as Best, Safest, Always Reliable. SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE

ANNUAL BIG CELEBRATION
WILL BE HELD IN THIS CITY

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY WILL BE HONORED
By Unanimous Vote Business Men of Laredo Decided to Adhere to Old Custom and Have Big Event.

By unanimous vote of all the business men and citizens present at the special meeting held in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon beginning at 5 o'clock, it was decided that the time-honored custom of celebrating the natal day anniversary of the "father of his country" would not go by default in Laredo this year, but that on the other hand the observance of the important event in 1916 would be carried out on a more elaborate and exhaustive plan than attempted in any of the past eighteen years. As to the decision to have the celebration perfect harmony prevailed and the result of the amity that marked the meeting will contribute to the success of the undertaking when the time comes for the materialization of the plans.

The meeting yesterday afternoon was attended by a number of the leading business men of the city—the ones that generally take the initiative in any movement that redounds to the good of the community. The meeting was called to order by Joseph Netzer, who has acted as chairman of the past three annual celebrations and has acquitted himself with credit and full glory, devoting much time to the work connected with the celebrations and in all things carrying out everything that pertained to making the big events successes. Mr. Netzer, in his introductory remarks and in reviewing the work done in past years, called attention to the fact that it was his belief that an entire new set of men should be selected to have charge of the celebration this year, if it should be decided to have one. He thanked those who had co-operated with him and the members of the executive committee and stated that the first order of business was the formation of a temporary organization.

Upon motion, made and unanimously carried, Mr. Netzer was elected temporary chairman, and he in turn selected J. W. Falvella as temporary secretary. The first order of business under temporary organization was a report made by the chairman relative to the moneys subscribed and how they were expended during the 1915 celebration. Some argument ensued as to the method employed in issuing checks in payment for various expenses, but this was passed over amicably, as it was shown that every item of expense was itemized.

Then came up for consideration by the meeting the subject of whether or not it was the sense of the meeting that Laredo celebrate Washington's Birthday Anniversary in a manner befitting the important event as during the past eighteen years. Past celebrations were discussed in the talks made by Judge G. R. Page, Joseph Netzer and others and it seemed to be the consensus of opinion of everyone present that the celebration be had. A motion to that effect was made by Judge Page and an affirmative vote was had unanimously.

The preliminary business having been disposed of and the temporary organization having run its limit, a motion was made that the meeting go into permanent organization by the election of a permanent chairman of the executive committee. At this instance the chair was turned over to

J. W. Falvella, the temporary secretary and J. W. Kenney acted as secretary. Nominations for chairman of the executive committee were called for by Mr. Falvella and immediately Mr. Netzer arose and nominated Judge George R. Page for the responsible position. Judge Page declined the honor in a few brief words of thanks and an explanation that the multiple duties of his office as county judge at this season of the year were such that he would be unable to attend to the duties of chairman, otherwise he would not throw the burden on to the shoulders of another. Mr. Page then in a few complimentary and highly laudatory words put before the house the name of Joseph Netzer for chairman. This nomination was duly seconded. Mr. Netzer insisted on the nomination of Judge Page being put to a vote, but the chairman ruled that inasmuch as there was only one nominee for chairman that had been seconded, and that being Mr. Netzer, (Judge Page's nomination had not been seconded) he would put the name of Mr. Netzer before the meeting. This was done and Joseph Netzer was for the fourth time elected chairman of the executive committee of the Washington Birthday Celebration. He finally accepted the office with a few words of sincere thanks.

The next matter coming up for consideration was the appointment of a committee to be known as an executive committee and finally by unanimous vote, it was decided that the appointment of this committee and also a permanent secretary be left entirely to the discretion of Chairman Netzer.

There being several propositions before the meeting for the bringing of carnival companies and other attractions here during the celebration, a motion was made and carried that the chairman appoint a committee to be known as a "carnival committee" and that they be given full power to act in the selecting of a carnival company to hold forth here during the celebration, and that this committee enter into the necessary contract with said carnival company.

Chairman Netzer then announced that he would name the carnival committee in a short time, and that the other subsidiary committees would also be named and a list of them submitted to the next meeting. After discussing a number of tentative plans pertaining to the forthcoming celebration the meeting adjourned subject to the call of Chairman Netzer.

Two Committees Selected.
Chairman Netzer this afternoon announced the appointment of the following committees:

Carnival committee—Geo. R. Page, Robert McComb, Charles Ross.
Soliciting committee—Geo. R. Page, A. C. Richter, Ike Alexander, S. N. Johnson and J. W. Kenney.

SOUTH AMERICANS SEE ARMY DRILL.

Washington, Jan. 5.—Many of the scientists and educators from Central and South America, who are attending the Pan-American Congress here, will be guests of the army officers at Fort Myer, Va., this afternoon, to witness a special military drill. For the entertainment of the visitors tonight, the Spanish-American of this city will present a Spanish comedy.

Tomorrow the delegates will be taken to Mount Vernon for a visit to Washington's old home and his tomb. The address of President Wilson to the Congress is set for tomorrow evening.

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IMPORTANT MEETING FIREMEN

At Monthly Meeting Tomorrow Night the Laredo Fire Department Will Discuss Coming Celebration.

The regular monthly meeting of the Laredo Volunteer Fire Department will be held at their hall tomorrow night (Thursday) beginning at 8 o'clock, and it is important that all members who can possibly do so attend this meeting, as business of vital interest to the fire boys will come up for consideration.

The fire department will participate in the Washington Birthday Celebration next month and furnish one of the most interesting features of the program. They will provide hose races that will last for two days, the races on the 22d of February being between Laredo and a number of visiting teams, and two kinds of races being engaged in. Besides this a committee will probably be appointed tomorrow night to take up the matter of a queen election contest, and the young lady being honored with election as queen of the Laredo Fire Department will be crowned at a grand ball planned for the evening of February 22, given by Laredo fireboys complimentary to the visiting firemen who will be here from various parts of the state to take part in the hose laying contests.

DEATH OF PETER F. FLAVIN

Former Well Known Laredo Railroadman and Citizen Passed Away at Corpus Christi Saturday.

The sad news has been received in Laredo announcing the death at his home in Corpus Christi on last Saturday afternoon of Peter Francis Flavin, a former well known resident of Laredo and a gentleman who held important positions with the Mexican National Ry. Co. when that concern maintained their shops in this city.

For many years Mr. Flavin made his home in Laredo, where at first he held the position of boilermaker of the Mexican National shops here, and later became master mechanic. He was married in this city a number of years ago to Miss Mollie Lawler, who survives him. Deceased was a member of the Knights of Columbus, and at one time was grand knight of the Laredo Council, being with the council when it surrendered its charter.

After the railroad shops here were closed and removed to Nuevo Laredo Mr. Flavin went to Baltimore, where he became traveling representative of a big concern. For the past year or more he had been making his home in Corpus Christi. The bereaved wife and other relatives have the sympathy of many friends in their bereavement. The funeral was held in Corpus Christi Monday afternoon, with interment in the Catholic cemetery.

Leak! Leak!

Have your leaky roofs repaired and painted with Womack's IXL roof paint. Guaranteed to stop all leaks. Capt. Womack is here from San Antonio and will look after the work. You can get him at Phone 250.

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To keep your liver active use Dr. King's New Life Pills. They insure good digestion, relieve constipation, and tone up the whole system—keep your eye clear and your skin fresh and healthy looking. Only 25c. at your Druggist.

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when you fire-up some Prince Albert in your old jimmy pipe or in a makin's cigarette. And you know it! Can't get in wrong with P. A. for it is made right; made to spread-smoke-sunshine among men who have suffered with scorched tongues and parched throats! The patented process fixes that—and cuts out bite and parch. All day long you'll sing how glad you are you're pals with

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RAIN PROVED A BLESSING TO FARMERS AND STOCKMEN

CAME AT A TIME WHEN IT WILL
DO INESTIMABLE GOOD.

Reports Indicate That Rain Yesterday
Afternoon Reached to All Parts
of This Section.

Reports received here this morning from the country in all directions from Laredo bring advices that the heavy rain which visited Laredo yesterday afternoon was general throughout this entire section, extending along all the railroads leading out of this city for quite a distance, while several of the farms and ranches have advised that a fine rain fell.

Up to noon yesterday only a drizzling rain had fell, but about 2 o'clock a steady downpour set in and continued intermittently for about an hour. This rain is the one that was reported as general throughout this section of the state and extended to Corpus Christi on the east.

Farmers and stockmen alike were needing the moisture, as crops were in a bad condition on account of the drouth where there was no irrigation available, while the prairies were almost depleted of their scant carpetings of grass. A few weeks ago there was a light shower of rain here, but following it came a warm spell and that absorbed all the moisture from the ground, but with a good wet spell now and a prolongation of the cool weather, the rainy spell of yesterday will conduce to much good and prove of inestimable value to both the stockmen and the farmers.

CONTRACT AWARDED TODAY.

Alois W. Fuessel Given Contract to
Build Cement Walk and Three
Culverts to Be Built by City.

This morning at 10 o'clock the bids for the construction of a cement walk in front of the city hall and the construction of three cement culverts on Seymour Avenue were opened in the mayor's office and due consideration given the two bids submitted.

For the entire work J. V. Jambers & Co., the contractors who are constructing the Laredo National Bank, made a bid of \$1,389, while Alois W. Fuessel, the contractor on the Mercy Hospital work, made a bid of \$1,059. The latter bid being the lowest the contract was awarded to Fuessel. Work of construction on the walk and culverts will be begun just as soon as the contractor can assemble material and start building operations.

1915 WAS PROSPEROUS YEAR BUT 1916 MORE PROSPEROUS

SUCH IS THE PREDICTION MADE
BY SOME LOCAL PARTIES.

This City Did a Good Business With
Mexico During the Revolution, But
More in Sight With Peace.

Some Laredo merchants allege that the year 1915 was one of the most prosperous periods experienced in the history of the city, while some others claim that the year just closed was a "dull" one and that their receipts for the whole time was far below the average.

The merchants who report a prosperous year claim that the Mexican revolution, instead of decreasing their business, contributed to making it better and the demand for goods handled by them was more brisk than in many years past. While all the rest of the state was complaining of hard times and reverse business conditions, Laredo was enjoying prosperity through the business done through this port with Northern Mexico.

But now that the revolution is apparently a thing of the past (at least for the present) and business conditions are experiencing a revival in the republic to the southward of Laredo, it is natural to expect that this city will share in the promised prosperity that is presaged for all of Mexico. Already the vast exportations that are being made through here, and which represents a volume of business done by Laredo wholesale merchants, is contributing to creating some prosperity.

But when all the big industrial plants in Mexico eventually resume operations, all their commissaries are replenished and a general revival takes place, Laredo is going to share in the replenishing and thus the merchants of this city will get their share of the business. Of course this only pertains to the wholesale dealers, and there are a number of them here who are already doing a good business with the Mexican merchants.

WHY NOT MUFLERS.

Washington.—Because six of its eleven occupants snored and kept awake the five other sleepers not guilty of the habit, Sergeant Timothy Reardon, in charge of a squad-room in the local barracks of the United States Marine Corps, has replaced the silent non-snoring members with Marines from other squad-rooms who snore sonorously and wonderfully.

"So they'll keep each other awake when they saw wood and won't disturb the rest of some person not a member of their lodge," said Sergeant Reardon by way of explanation.

The new arrangement suits the eleven snorers perfectly and the five who vacated are pleased beyond measure.

It has been said of United States Marines that they can readily adapt themselves to any and all circumstances, under any and all conditions, and Sergeant Reardon thinks this strategy is proof positive of this.

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THIS IS MY 66TH BIRTHDAY

GRIFITH JENKINS GRIFFITH, Griffith Jenkins Griffith, Los Angeles philanthropist, writer and mine owner, is 66 years old today. A Welshman by birth, he came in his youth to America, was educated here and went to the coast to make his fortune. He was one of the early newspaper managers and writers on the coast, and his work brought him in touch with mining men. He acquired some paying mines, and now owns extensive properties in Mexico. Mr. Griffith was born at Glamorganshire, South Wales, Jan. 4, 1850. He was fifteen when he reached America, and settled in Pennsylvania. In 1873 he reached San Francisco and entered the newspaper field. During the early days of the Comstock Lode developments in Nevada, he was on the ground for his newspaper. Griffith was in "on the ground floor" on this big pay streak, and with the knowledge of mining which he acquired he went into Mexico and secured some of the most valuable mines there. In 1896 he gave the city of Los Angeles 3,000 acres of his ranch for a public park. Later he gave \$100,000 for the erection of an observatory on Mt. Hollywood for free public use for study and scientific research.

For Rheumatism.

As soon as an attack of Rheumatism begins apply Sloan's Liniment. Don't waste time and suffer needless agony. A few drops of Sloan's Liniment on the affected parts is all you need. The pain goes at once.

A grateful sufferer writes:—"I was suffering for three weeks with Chronic Rheumatism and Stiff Neck, although I tried many medicines, they failed, and I was under the care of a doctor. Fortunately I heard of Sloan's Liniment and after using it three or four days am up and well. I am employed at the biggest department store in S. F. where they employ from six to eight hundred hands, and they surely will hear all about Sloan's Liniment.—H. B. Smith, San Francisco, Cal.—Jan. 1915." At all Druggists.

DOWN WITH MINCE PIE!

The hand of the reformer has reached out and desecrated the mince pie. Excise officials of Colorado view with horror the danger of intoxication which they claim, rests within the mince pie, and have decreed that in future all traces of brandy shall be omitted from the delectable dessert. We have no quarrel with the excise officials of Colorado, but we ask if this is not carrying the enforcement of a prohibitory law too far? Making a martyr of the mince pie is striking pretty close to home. It would give the civil authorities power, for instance, to enter the home, sample the mince pie before the family had a chance at it and, if they found it especially delightful, to condemn it and carry it away with them to eat it quietly and happily when they reached a secluded spot. The authorities could not be blamed for this, exactly, because we have all seen mince pies which no human could resist. It is the family which has the kick coming. The wise housewife knows that it is not necessary to put brandy into mince pie to make it appealing to palate. Others believe that the brandy gives it a tang which it could never attain without the use of alcohol. One famous cook explained the difference between mince pie with brandy and that without brandy was that the latter was "hash." Be that as it may, anybody will tell you—if he happens to know—that the alcohol which gets into the mince pie, gets out again in the process of cooking. Immediately the legal question will arise in Colorado: "When is a pie a pie?" In all probability the courts will be called upon to determine whether a pie is a pie before it is cooked, or after it is cooked. If the latter is the case, the pie-maker can only be charged with a violation of the prohibition law when the pie inspector calls before the pie goes into oven. This, of course, makes it extremely difficult for the inspector. Aside from the satire, however, the question remains "How long will the American public stand such absurdities of law-making and law-interpretation?"

FAMILY AVOIDS SERIOUS SICKNESS

By Being Constantly Supplied With
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We never have a long spell of sickness in our family, since we commenced using Black-Draught.

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SOCIETY

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SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Tuesday.

Christ Church Junior Auxiliary will meet at the Rectory at four o'clock in the afternoon.

The Sunbeam Society will meet at the Baptist Church at four o'clock in the afternoon.

Ladies Night at the Ninth Infantry Club.

O. E. S. will meet at the Masonic Hall at eight o'clock in the evening.

Wednesday.

Christ Church Parish Guild will meet with Mrs. B. F. Wright at three o'clock in the afternoon.

Methodist Woman's Missionary Society will hold a business meeting at the church at four o'clock in the afternoon.

The Girls' Social Guild will meet with Etta Thaison at fifteen minutes after four o'clock in the afternoon.

The Heights Civic Club meet with Mrs. M. P. Cullinan at half after three o'clock in the afternoon.

General Mention.

Miss Ruth Murphy returned Sunday from Cotulla after a pleasant visit to friends.

Mrs. Kirby Walker, formerly Miss Lamar Hamilton, will leave Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, on January eighth for Laredo on a visit to her parents, Dr. and Mrs. H. J. Hamilton.

Among the out-of-town students who have spent the holidays in Laredo and who have returned to their various colleges are: Louis Becker who returned to A. & M. on Sunday; Marcus Wormser to A. & M. College on Saturday; Edward Wormser also left on Saturday for Allens Academy in Bryan; Tom Austin, Harry Sames and James Greer returned to the University in Austin; Miss Evelyn Moore returned to the Ward-Belmont College in Tennessee on Sunday; Miss Inez Hill left yesterday for St. Mary's Hall in San Antonio; Miss Grace Lang left yesterday for the Normal at San Marcos; Miss Sadie Hazelrigg left yesterday for Wagon School, San Antonio; Walter and Tom Nye left yesterday for the West Texas Military Academy in San Antonio; Arthur Hazelrigg also left yesterday for West Texas Military Academy.

Miss Ollie Yates who has been spending the holidays with friends in Laredo left today for her home in San Antonio.

Furney Mulier could not return to college with the other A. & M. students, because of injuries received while hunting. Earnest Biskamp was also unable to return on account of illness. Miss Marzelle Beene also had to postpone the date of leaving on account of illness.

Mrs. John David Seymour left last night for El Paso after spending the holidays with his parents.

Mrs. S. N. Johnson and son, Master Samuel N. Johnson, Jr., left last night for San Antonio. Mrs. Johnson will visit there a few days and Master Sam will resume his studies in college.

Tournament Bridge Club.

The Tournament Bridge Club held its first meeting since the holidays with Mrs. J. E. Biggio and a very pleasant afternoon was spent at bridge. A delicious salad course was served at the conclusion of the games. Those present were Mesdames L. J. Christen, C. M. Fish, J. E. Biggio, H. Stow Garlick, John T. Halsell, H. W. Johnston, G. W. Derby and Miss Bess Goldman of Austin.

Mrs. Anderson's Musicale.

In spite of the inclement weather, there was a good attendance at the musicale given by Mrs. David Franklin Anderson to honor the members of the Woman's Club yesterday afternoon at her studio in the Werner Building. Only two of the participants on the program failed to appear and that for reasons other than the state of the weather. The club members who attended thoroughly enjoyed the fine program which was given by members of the Music Department, and composed entirely of selections from the works of American composers.

The following is the program; preceding each number a brief biographical sketch of the composer was given:

- "Parting," Neidlinger
- Mrs. J. Guy Burr, Miss Annie Pace.
- "Dawn," Nevin
- Mrs. W. N. Young.
- (a) "The Rosary," Nevin
- (b) "I Dream of a Garden," Lohr
- Mrs. Charlotte Warwick.
- "Thanksgiving Song," Allitsen
- Mrs. A. J. Landrum.
- (a) "My Desire," Nevin
- (b) "Banjo Song," Homer
- Mrs. L. W. Wharton.
- "Romance," La Forge
- Mrs. D. F. Anderson.
- "Joy of the Morning," Ware
- Mrs. F. A. Thomas.
- "American Indian Songs," Cadman
- Mrs. M. P. Cullinan.
- (a) "I'm Wearin' Awa," Foote
- (b) "Mighty Lak a Rose," Nevin
- Miss Mary Sames.
- "The Brook," Steinfeldt
- Miss Sames.

After the program Mrs. Anderson, assisted by Mrs. W. N. Young and Miss Sames, served coffee and delicious home-made cakes.

PERSONALS

J. G. Gates of Bruni is in the city.

E. A. Lilly of Pearsall is a guest at the Hamilton.

Wm. Epstein of San Antonio arrived in the city this morning.

John R. Blocker left this morning for Monterey on business.

Randolph Robertson returned to Monterey this morning after spending a few days in this city.

Woodlief Thomas arrived in the city last night from his ranch and returned home this afternoon.

Thomas R. Worsham spent several days in the city with relatives and returned yesterday to his home at Darwin. He bought a Ford car while here and went home in it.

ROSS.—G. P. Stafford, J. R. Blocker, San Antonio; A. Garza Perez, Isidro Lopez, W. E. Treviño, Pedro Alaniz Tamez and family, Monterey; V. J. Saffro, Louisville, Ky.; Eloisa Martinez, San Antonio; C. C. Byrns, Sabinal, Hidalgo; J. Sanchez, Monterey.

HAMILTON.—Serafino Romero, San Antonio; J. G. Gates, Bruni; A. R. Heinemann, Mexico City; John Goddard, London; Irving Herr, C. H. Decker, San Antonio; E. A. Lilly, Pearsall; D. K. Poole, T. J. Poole, J. H. McCroskey, Bay City; J. B. Body, London; L. Weston, New York; Thos. J. Ryder, F. Berger, Mexico City.

BENDER.—Charles P. Lynch, Buckingham, W. Va.; H. E. Milner, Houston; L. T. Summers, San Antonio; Ben Pupkin, Houston; E. M. Mercer, J. L. Watson, J. H. Baker, William Epstein, San Antonio; H. E. Safely, Washington, D. C.; M. T. Payne, K. Dekreko, D. Hale, Jr., H. V. Weise, J. E. O'Neil, Fred B. Smith, Carl C. Adams, Harold C. Wilkinson, San Antonio; T. Hearn, C. H. Decker, Chicago, Ill.

SOUTH WINS NORTH.

Theatrical Broadway, which makes and unmake its stars in a night, is just now ascending more warmly, loudly and persistently than any other the name of Gladys Hanson. A short while ago a play called "The Ware Case," was presented at the Maxim Elliott theater. It came with a record of great success in London, where Gerald Du Maurier starred in it. This star in this country is Lou Telleghen, and, like the English actor, he, too, strongly scored. The New York critics, however, found little in the play to enthuse about—that is, little except the notably fine performance of Miss Hanson. As with one mind, they voiced their praise in the most positive terms, with the result that this beautiful "girl from Georgia" was forthwith "featured" with the leading actor of the play, placing her on the direct route to stardom. Gladys Hanson is the daughter of Col Peyton Harrison Snook of Atlanta, and has been on the stage only seven years. At the very start her native charm and good breeding seemed to assure success, for, with the exception of her first play, she has never enacted anything but leading roles. She was leading woman with E. H. Sothern and Kryle Bellw, and her work in many Belasco and Frohman productions have kept at the very front of America's leading women. She has been featured as a star by the Famous Players, Lubin and Universal companies. Her latest picture "The Primrose Path" has just been released.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH GAINS.

In spite of dissensions, the Episcopal church last year made strides ahead in numbers and in money gifts far beyond any year in a generation. The official figures for the year show an increase in gifts to missions, home and foreign, of \$712,100, the largest growth ever made in one year. For church maintenance and all gifts of all kinds the church, for the first time, passed the \$20,000,000 mark by about \$1,000,000. Episcopal church membership gained 26,167, and now stands at 1,058,804. Sunday schools also show steady growth, a change for the better brought about five or six years ago. Teachers and scholars now number nearly 550,000. A curious feature in the Episcopal situation is that the number of ministers does not increase. Instead, there is an actual falling off this last year. There is also a decrease in numbers studying for the ministry. Along with this change there is a marked increase in the number of laymen to be licensed as "lay readers." There are now more than two-thirds as many laymen duly licensed to officiate as there are ministers. Communicants in the diocese of New York have just passed the 100,000 mark.—New York Times.

A TIP FOR HUSBANDS.

Here's a bit of advice for husbands, and it comes straight from the heart of Rae Berger.

"Husbands," urges Mr. Berger, who is a comedian appearing in American (Mutual) "Beauty" comedies, "if you have about your home or your person any incriminating letters or photographs tending to show your one time popularity with the ladies, for heavens sake destroy 'em. Burn the darn things. Then take the ashes out and bury them."

Mr. Berger was recently caught with the goods, rummaging around the garret, his daughter discovered a number of photographs which, to say the least, were highly sensational. Later these pictures fell into the hands of a newspaper reporter, and for a time Father Berger sweat blood.

How did it all come out? Well, it all ended happily in Mr. Berger's case, for the pictures, daughter, incidents and all were merely the plot of a film comedy, "A Girl, a Guard and a Garret," released in the regular Mutual program Dec. 14. But Mr. Berger opines that in real life such comedy might end in tragedy.

SOLE AMERICAN SURVIVOR OF PERSIA GIVES DETAILED ACCOUNT OF SINKING

Says Most of Passengers were Lunching when Explosion Came
without Warning and Discipline was Perfect, but Impossible to Launch Boats on Starboard Side
Because Vessel Had Listed.

WANTS \$100,000 FOR FIGHTING DISEASE

APPROPRIATION ASKED TO COM-
BAT PELLAGRA AND TYPHOID
FEVER IN SOUTHERN
SANITATION.

By Associated Press.
Washington, Jan. 4.—Secretary McAdoo today asked congress for a rush appropriation of \$100,000 for study and demonstration work in rural sanitation work in the South, where pellagra has become a great menace. The money will also be used to check typhoid fever.

TIMON CASE CONTINUED.

By Associated Press.
Corpus Christi, Texas, Jan. 4.—The case against County Timon for alleged election conspiracies was continued until the May term of the federal court today.

CHARGED WITH SHOOTING.

By Associated Press.
Sherman, Texas, Jan. 4.—Harper Bennett, charged with the shooting of Dr. L. S. Hogan, his brother-in-law, Sunday, was bound over to the grand jury in \$2,500 bond.

BASEBALL BARNSTORMERS OFF FOR SUNNY CLIMES.

New York, Jan. 4.—Arthur Irwin and Joe Higgins, two big league scouts have recruited a baseball team from semi-professional and major league ranks, with which they will sail today for Cuba, Porto Rico, and Panama. The government will pay the expenses of the team in Panama, as they will play games with all the local teams on the isthmus.

BUSINESS MEN TAKE MILITARY DRILL.

Detroit, Jan. 4.—Two hundred Detroit business men have formed a military training organization, and today begin sixteen weeks' training. Every Tuesday from 8 to 10 p. m. these business men will drill in the armory. Special companies will be formed for work in cavalry, signal corps, field engineering, machine gun and medical service.

KENTUCKKY LEGISLATORS CON- VENE.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 4.—The opening of the Legislature's session today is being carried out with the usual formalities. Governor Stanley and Lieut-Gov James D. Black were on hand to greet the members early. The principal legislation to be enacted is tax revision. If the problems involved become unwieldy, an extra session may be necessary, but it is believed that the measures now in view can be passed before the middle of March, when the Assembly adjourns.

MANUFACTURERS DEMAND MORE DYES.

New York, Jan. 4.—Representatives of nearly fifty associations in various sections of the country will meet here tomorrow to formulate a new move to obtain greater supplies of aniline dyes. The important textile interests of the country will be represented, and it is said that many will report that large industries face a shutdown unless the situation is relieved before Spring. The meeting will be under the auspices of the National Association of Clothiers. It is said that an appeal to the government to compel Great Britain to release cotton so that Germany will permit the exportation of aniline dyes will be formulated at tomorrow's meeting. The advisability of asking Congress to immediately pass a tariff bill to encourage the development of the dye industry in this country will also be considered.

NO CAUSE TO HOWL.

The fare at a certain boarding house was very poor. A boarder who had been there for some time, because he could not get away, was standing in the hall when the landlady rang the dinner bell. Whereupon an old dog that was lying outside on a rug commenced to howl mournfully.

The boarder watched him a little while and then said:

"What on earth are you howling for? You don't have to eat it."—Tit-Bits.

By Associated Press.

Alexandria, Egypt, Jan. 4.—Charles Grant of Boston, one of the two known American passengers on the Persia, has arrived here, giving the most detailed account of the sinking of that vessel. He said most of the passengers were lunching when the steamer sank and many thought the torpedo explosion was a boiler bursting. There was no panic. The passengers marched to the lifeboats as in a drill, but as the vessel was listing it was impossible to launch the starboard boats. The last he saw of the Persia the bow was in the air, five minutes after the explosion. He floated on wreckage until 4 o'clock next morning, when he was picked up by a lifeboat. The men rowed for three hours to frequented paths of steamships and later were picked up by a cruiser, which soon found four other lifeboats.

Are Getting Cold Facts.

Washington, Jan. 4.—President Wilson returned this morning from his honeymoon and immediately began an investigation of the sinking of the Persia. He conferred with Secretary Lansing and Chairman Stone of the senate foreign relations committee, and in the absence of detailed information upon which to base his next step, he cancelled the cabinet meeting to have been held today. Mr. Lansing was instructed to gather all information possible on the sinking of the vessel. A statement issued from the White House said that the president and Mr. Lansing were "taking every means to obtain cold facts and will act as soon as information is obtained."

It was expected that an attack would be made in the senate on the administration's foreign policy today, but because of adjournment after a ten-minute session the attack was postponed until tomorrow at least.

Netted Over Three Millions.

London, Jan. 4.—Lord Derby's recruiting plan, between October 23 and December 14, netted 1,156,000 single men and 1,679,000 married men for the service.

Check German Advance.

Petrograd, Jan. 4.—The Russians have checked the German advance from Kolki and have improved their position along the Kovel railroad. This indicates that the Russians are concentrating to take Kovel, an important communication point between the Austrians and the Germans, according to the critics. There is great activity on the left bank of the Stry river, which the Austrians are storming. The Russian capture of the heights of Czernowitz may lead to the evacuation of that city by the Austrians. This is the most important fighting of all the theaters.

Is Against Conscription.

London, Jan. 4.—It was announced in the house of commons today that Sir John Simon, secretary of state for home affairs, had resigned. His position is against conscription, according to a general impression.

Little Activity Noted.

London, Jan. 4.—Great artillery activity is reported in the Vosges near Hartmann's Wellerkopf, which is the only fighting in the western section. Paris reported the failure of a German grenade attack west of Tahure.

SCIENTISTS EXPECT TO HEAR PRESIDENT TOMORROW

Washington, Jan. 4.—The big scientific congress, which has brought together over a thousand eminent educators, publicists and scientific men from two continents, will have a diversion tomorrow, if President Wilson is able to keep his promise to address the Congress. Ever since a week ago last Monday, the leader of thought in North and South America have been thrashing out the great questions of the day. The elder union of the big and little republics of the west is one of the notable results, and, according to some of the enthusiastic delegates from the Latin American countries, "we are beginning to know one another." Another event looked forward to is the White House reception on Friday, the first Pan-American reception ever held there. The closing exercises of the Congress will take place on Saturday, when important resolutions will be acted upon.

SOME REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Two Deeds Filed for Record With the County Clerk Since the Beginning of the New Year.

The following deeds have been filed for record with the county clerk since the beginning of the new year: W. W. Winslow to F. Treviño, 72 acres of land in Webb county. Consideration, \$500.

J. Maxcy Paice to Teresa Pompa de Martinez, lots Nos. 6 and 8, in block No. 952, W. D. Consideration, \$200.

VETERAN GENERAL IS READY TO FIGHT

REPRESENTATIVE SHERWOOD OF
OHIO ATTACKS PREPARED-
NESS AND WOULD RE-
DUCE ARMY.

By Associated Press.
Washington, Jan. 4.—Representative Sherwood, 80 years old, a Democrat of Ohio, made an anti-preparedness speech in the house today, proposing to reduce the standing army to 50,000 men. He said he fought 42 battles in the Civil War and was ready to fight again if necessary.

THREE TRAINMEN INJURED.

By Associated Press.
Temple, Texas, Jan. 4.—Three trainmen were injured when a Santa Fe engine boiler exploded yesterday at Lampasas. The injured were brought here.

MRS. WILSON TOOK CHARGE.

By Associated Press.
Washington, Jan. 4.—Mrs. Woodrow Wilson took charge of the White House today and began preparing for the Pan-American reception January 7, which opens the social season.

KANSAS RATE CASE TAKEN UP.

Topeka, Kas., Jan. 4.—The Kansas Public Utilities Commission opens a hearing today on the application of Kansas railroads for permission to increase passenger fares in the state from two to three cents per mile.

FIGHT ON PROHIBITION AND RACETRACKS IN MARYLAND

Annapolis, Md., Jan. 4.—The prohibition question, the race-track problem and Baltimore city expansion are the live issues that come up before the Maryland Legislature, which assembles tomorrow. The session will be kept in continual turmoil, it is expected, for practical politics plays a leading part in the discussion and determination of these important questions.

A preliminary canvass of the members made by the Anti-Saloon League has led to the belief that the prohibition forces occupy a very strong position and will be able to compel the passage of an act designed to curtail the sale of liquor. The preliminary campaign has stirred the state, and public interest centers in the liquor question. It is taken for granted that the fight will be between state-wide prohibition and state-wide local option. The Democrats will control the organization of both houses. In the House of Delegates they have a majority of eight and in the Senate a majority of five. It is predicted Howard Bryant of Baltimore will be chosen Speaker of the House and Senator Peter J. Campbell of Baltimore President of the Senate.

A PROPHECY.

New York.—"The war will end on July 26, 1916. On October 12, 1916, San Francisco will be bombarded and destroyed by a hostile fleet."

Gunney Sergeant Thomas G. Ster

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IN A QUANDARY.

Official circles in Washington cannot seem to understand the attitude of the Austrian government in acceding to the demands of our government while still apparently permitting the submarine outrages to continue.

The sinking of the Japanese liner Yasaka Maru and the French liner Ville de Clotat both occurred after the reply to our first note on the sinking of the Ancona, and now comes the news that a British liner with two—perhaps more—Americans aboard has been sunk by a submarine.

It is believed in Washington that the Vienna government and the Austro-Hungarian admiralty are working at cross purposes, and that while the government has been brought around to the American view the admiralty has not yet been drawn into line.

It will be remembered that an Austrian official said his country could not be expected to do anything which would detract from the prestige of the navy, as the officers of the navy were very jealous of their rights and their honorable name.

But unless the Austrian government wants to precipitate hostilities, it should take prompt steps to prevent further trouble—at least, while the matter is being adjusted by the diplomats. The officers of the navy may be jealous of their prestige, but that is no reason why the government should not be held responsible for their acts.

The offer to permit the Austrian government to disavow the acts of its naval officers and thus escape the consequences of the sinking of the passenger ships would seem to offer a loophole through which it might crawl.

For instance, if Austria merely says: "We do not support the unlawful acts of our naval officers, and we promise punishment for all who may transgress the laws of humanity and of usage," there would seem to be a chance for Austria to escape the consequences of those acts, while permitting them to continue.

If an officer of the United States navy were to do an unlawful act without orders from his government, he would not only be liable to dismissal from the service, but also to punishment for his acts, whether he believed he was doing something which would redound to the credit of his country or not.

And there is no reason why Austria should not send out orders to all her submarine commanders to refrain from the sinking of other vessels save as the legitimate rules of warfare may permit. There are few cases in which an illegal act could not be proven with regard to the submarine warfare, but we have no concern with any others than those which affect the lives of American citizens.

It is suggested that the submarine commander which sank the latest ship might have been far from home and might not have heard from his government concerning the latest orders. If this is the case, there is some excuse for Austria in the premises.

But unless this can be proven beyond the shadow of a doubt, Austria stands convicted of treachery in her dealings with us, as she has ostensibly acceded to our views while permitting further outrages to be enacted.

The action of the German Admiral Tirpitz was similar to that of the Austrian admiralty. He objected to his government giving in to our demands, but was finally forced to yield. Perhaps the Austrian admiralty will soon be in the same position.

Since the protest over the sinking of the Ancona there have been three deliberate submarine outrages, in all of them were in direct violation of international law and usage.

If Austria is really in earnest in her acceptance of our terms, she will hasten to put a stop to these outrages. If she does not stop them, it will be proof that she is deliberately trying to deceive us in her diplomatic correspondence, and it should be ended.

A MINORITY GOVERNMENT.

The Houston Post has a splendid editorial on the suffrage, in which the editor says, among other things, that "it is not to the interest of Texas to set up a minority government, but that is what we shall have unless some way can be found to stimulate the citizen's sense of duty."

The Post calls attention to the fact that Texas has not less than 1,100,000 males of voting age, while slightly more than half of this number qualify to vote, about 400,000 go to the polls on the primary election day, and on general election day this number frequently falls below 250,000, or much less than one-fourth of the potential number of voters.

The lack of interest is the main reason for this state of affairs, it is true,

while the poll tax law is one of the main discouraging features. As the Post says, the alleged suppression of the negro vote has nothing to do with the small vote cast, for the only thing that prevents the negro from voting in Texas is failure to pay his poll tax, and thousands of negroes do pay poll tax and vote in both primary and general elections in this state.

But while 150,000 negroes have themselves from the franchise by failing to pay their poll tax, 300,000 white men disqualify themselves by the same method, which is not at all creditable to our system.

Here on the border there are many hundreds of Mexicans who are voting on their declaration of intention to become citizens. They have in many cases never become full-fledged citizens of the United States, but having once voted, they can continue to vote under our law, which permits an alien who has lived in the state for six months and declared his intention of becoming a citizen to register as a qualified voter.

These aliens are not among those who do not qualify by paying poll tax. The law says that no one shall pay another's poll tax, so it is presumed that these foreign voters pay their own poll tax. However it is done, they are enabled to go to the polls each election day and cast their votes for officials who are to conduct the country until the ensuing election day.

The coming elections in Texas are of vital importance to the state. A president is to be elected, as well as members of congress and one senator. We shall also choose a governor and the state officers. Members of the house and senate of the state legislature are to be elected.

Unless a majority of those entitled to vote qualify by paying their poll tax, we shall have a minority government. And quite an appreciable part of that minority will consist of negroes and aliens who have not become citizens of the United States.

If the native and naturalized voters of Texas do not care to qualify as electors by paying their poll tax, they cannot complain if those whom the law permits to vote exercise that right.

During the remainder of this month the majority of those who care to exercise their right to vote will pay their poll tax. A great part of those will secure their poll tax receipts during the last week of the month.

It should be urged upon every citizen of Texas that he secure his poll tax receipt before it is too late. The cost is \$2.50—\$1.50 for the state and county and \$1 for the city. This is little enough to pay for a privilege which is treasured by Mexicans who have arrived within the year and negroes who have small stake in the country, but the American is apt to belittle the privilege, while the others do not.

It is true that the poll tax is an imposition which the state should remove. If it was intended to prevent the negroes from voting, it has not attained its object, for more negroes than white men, in proportion to their numbers, vote at our elections.

But until the state legislature removes this tax, it behooves every American citizen living within our borders to secure his poll tax receipt and prove that he has at least as much interest in his own government as the recently arrived aliens and the negroes.

The Texarkana celebrator who put 200 telephones out of commission by shooting the cable in two may in other respects be a desirable citizen, but his enthusiasm should be restrained. He might move to Dallas, where his abilities might be directed along other lines.

State and federal quarantine authorities are said to be about to clash at Galveston. They should learn a lesson from the authorities here, where they both work together in harmony, believing that both are desirous of attaining the same end.

The shipment of thirty-five millions in coin for New York banks from England will go far toward continuing amicable relations. The other powers seem to send their money to the munition makers—when they send any at all.

Bulgaria announces that the expedition against Saloniki will soon start. This may be where Bulgaria gets a taste of the double cross, for Germany does not want to start hostilities with Greece.

Found a Secure Thing.

B. W. Wixon, Farmers Mills, N. Y., has used Chamberlain's Tablets for years for disorders of the stomach and liver and says, "Chamberlain's Tablets are the best I have ever used." Obtainable everywhere.

HOW IT LOOKED TO JONES.

Some time ago Percival Claude married Belinda Beatrice, Percival Claude was not handsome, Belinda was not beautiful. On the day following the wedding two esteemed citizens met on the street, and naturally the glad event was referred to.

"I suppose, Jones," remarked one of the pair, "that you heard all about Percival and Belinda being married?"

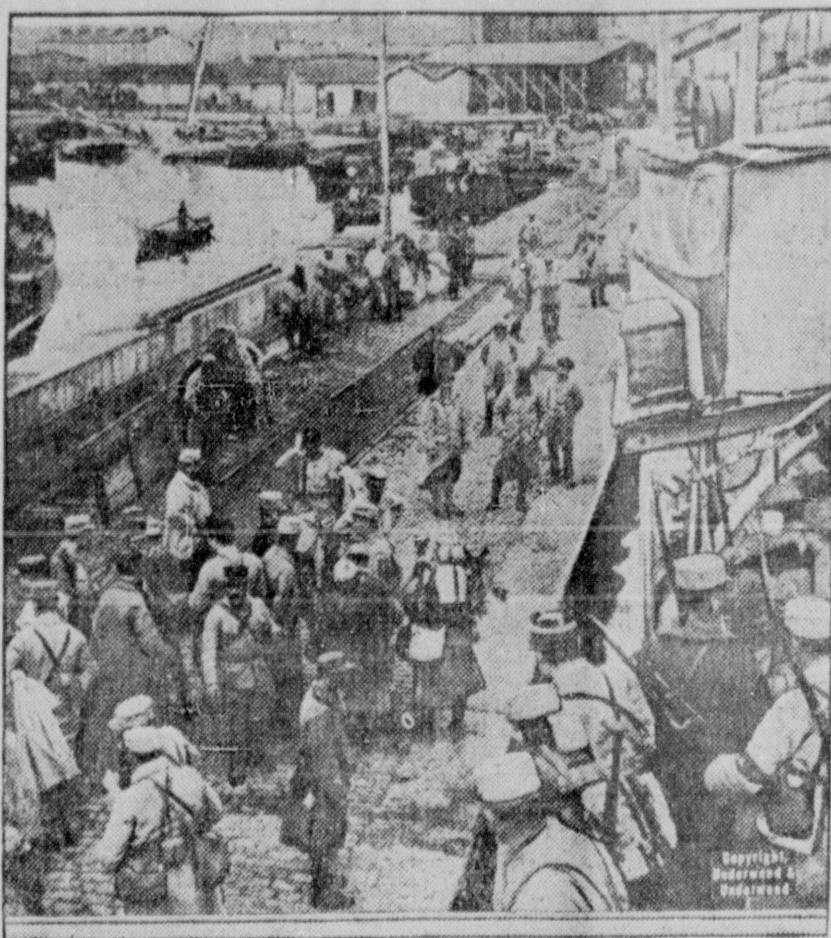
"Yes," answered Jones; "I first heard it over the back fence, at the dinner table and also at the cigar store."

"They say," continued the other, "that it was a case of love at first sight."

"You don't really mean it?" said Jones smilingly. "I thought it was more like a case of love is blind." Philadelphia Telegraph.

ASK FOR and GET
HORLICK'S
THE ORIGINAL
MALTED MILK
Cheap substitutes cost YOU same price.

FRENCH DISEMBARKING AT SALONIKI



A scene on the Quai Serbe at Saloniki, showing French soldiers who have just been disembarked from the transports, along the water front of the Macedonian city.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY
THIS IS MY 70th BIRTHDAY

JANUARY 3.
1720—Turks began study of modern warfare, under Count Bonneval of France.
1795—Third partition of Poland arranged between Russia, Austria and Prussia; accomplished in the following November.
1807—Queen of Prussia, then ill, fled from Konigsberg, a fugitive from the French. King William III followed three days later.
1861—Recruiting of volunteers for war begun in New York City.
1870—Construction of Brooklyn Bridge begun.
1879—United States resumed specie payments.
1895—Public degradation of Capt Dreyfus in Paris.
1900—General Wood released 40 prisoners unjustly held in Cuban jails.
1915—THE WAR:
Bad weather halts operations in Poland. Little activity along the Western front. Russians and Austrians in four battles on Hungarian border.

To Cure Children's Colds.
Keep child dry, clothe comfortably, avoid exposure and give Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. It is pleasant, soothing, antiseptic, raises phlegm and reduces inflammation. The first dose gives relief, continued treatment with proper care will avoid serious illness or a long cold. Don't delay treatment. Don't let your child suffer. Get a bottle to-day. Insist on Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. 25c. at Drug Gists.

LOGICAL CONCLUSION.

"Odd how one's clothes react on one's mentality. How, when I'm wearing a business suit I'm all business; when I'm in evening dress, social matters guff me up attention, and when I'm in golf togs I don't think of anything but the game."

"And I suppose when you take a bath your mind's an utter blank." Boston Transcript.

A good remedy for a bad cough is BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP. It heals the lungs and quiets irritation. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

Lakes and Farm Land.

Millions of acres of land now under water in the northwest will, within the earlier years to come, be redeemed for farming uses by means of irrigation and drainage plans. All the states and provinces bordering on the Great Lakes have laws favoring this addition to land holdings. The province of Manitoba has, under a new law, organized its first irrigation district covering 18,000 acres. Thus the irrigated area spreads farther and farther north, and the unused waters are brought in to make agriculture immeasurably more certain than under the old plan of waiting on the weather to supply the needed moisture. Wall Street Journal.

TIME FOR SILENCE.

Mess Cook—"Ere, Bill, next time you send up a crate of chickens see that they don't get loose. I've spent hours scouring the neighborhood, and have only found ten."

Orderly—"Ush, Erb, ush, I only sent yer six—London Tit Bits.

Joints that ache, muscles that are drawn or contracted should be treated with BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT. It penetrates to the spot where it is needed and relieves suffering. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

Watch THE TIMES everyday for opportunities. 50c. per month.

VOICE OF TEXAS.

Dual Telephone a Curse.

There is no more reason for a town being cursed with a telephone system than a dual water system, electric light or gas system. It is service that the public wants, and under the power and authority given cities and towns to regulate and control public service corporations, enjoying municipal franchises, the people can and will be protected from extortion and all forms of wrongdoing upon the part of the corporations.—Denison Herald.

Take That, Now.

With some men the street car is the only place they are willing to see women stand up for their rights.—Port Arthur News.

Tightened Up Again.

Many a tightwad who got excited during the few days preceding Christmas and turned loose a couple of eagles and an Indian or two is asking himself now how he ever came to be so extravagant. And it is a safe shot that he wouldn't turn loose a "buffalo" now unless it would attract the Indians.—Palestine Herald.

Politicians are Barred.

The Federal reserve board has declared that no politicians need apply. In a resolution it declares it to be incompatible with the spirit of the Federal reserve law that persons holding political or public office or acting as members of political party committees should act as officers or directors of Federal reserve banks. There can be no question as to the propriety and wholesomeness of this rule. Also, there was occasion for its adoption. Already there had been expressions of discontent because of the political prominence and activity of officers of Federal reserve banks in more northern latitudes than this. The Federal reserve system should be kept beyond the every appearance of favoritism and other evil.—Dallas Evening Journal.

Turkeys and Prosperity.

A summing up from various cities of the State show that Texas shipped to Eastern markets within the past few weeks approximately 800,000 turkeys, or 400 carloads, whose reasonable value is estimated at \$1,000,000. The general prosperity in the Eastern cities contributed to the extraordinary demand for turkeys for the holidays and so great was this that people stood in line waiting their turn to buy from the retail dealers. The Texas farmer this year who diversified enough to have some turkeys to sell was a participant in the general prosperity, and are indications are that more attention will be paid to the industry throughout the State than in the years of the past.—Houston Post.

Trespassing on Railroads.

The general managers of the Texas railroads used sixty inches and more space in several daily papers of Texas Sunday and Monday of this week to call attention of the public to the importance of finding some way to stop the loss of human life caused by trespassing on railroads. The advertisement stated that "Railroads are Safe to Ride Upon, but Very Dangerous to Walk On." The railroads are calling on the people to know what to do, at the same time suggesting that a law prohibiting trespassing would help.

The Reporter is frank to admit that it favors such law. Railroads this day and time are held to the strictest account and every dollar that is paid out for expense given them that much better claim for increased rates. If we are to get the best service at the minimum expenditure it is up to the people to co-operate with the railroads along all lines. There ought to be the warmest friendship between the two and all unnecessary waste should be stopped. The days of watered stock and big salaries are fast passing and with the regulated road people become partners in the business. When railroads are "pulled" it simply means that "Jones" pays the freight.—Abeline Reporters.

Who Dye Mean?

Once upon a time, two of the Elect were dismounted from their High Horses at the behest of the Dead People who accused them of Undue Intimacy with certain Malefactors suspected of Manipulating Seads of Unclean Kale. According to the important News of yesterday one of the Said Elect was Orienting before the Bar of one Commonwealth, while the Other was by way of Occidentating at another. Moral: Resurpate in Texas.—Corpus Christi Democrat.

For Rheumatism.

As soon as an attack of Rheumatism begins apply Sloan's Liniment. Don't waste time and suffer unnecessary agony. A few drops of Sloan's Liniment on the affected parts is all you need. The pain goes at once. A grateful sufferer writes:—"I was suffering for three weeks with Chronic Rheumatism and Stiff Neck, although I tried many medicines, they failed, and I was under the care of a doctor. Fortunately I heard of Sloan's Liniment and after using it three or four days am up and well. I am employed at the biggest department store in S. F. where they employ from six to eight hundred hands, and they surely will hear all about Sloan's Liniment.—H. B. Smith, San Francisco, Cal.—Jan. 1915." At all Druggists.

EVERLASTINGLY AT IT.

Bones, a hostler, failed to show up at the delivery stable one morning. "Where's Bones?" the boss asked. "His father's dead, sir," explained the other hostler.

"Oh!"

The next day again Bones failed to show up. And the next day still he was absent.

"Bones not around?" said the boss. "His father," said the other hostler, "as I told you before, sir—"

"Well, look here," said the boss, "you slip on your coat and run around to Bones' house and find out if he intends to stay away all the time his father is dead."—Washington Star.

BIG GASSER IS BROUGHT IN FOR THE BORDER GAS COMPY

BROUGHT IN FRIDAY NIGHT ON LAND IN ZAPATA COUNTY.

New Gas Well Will Replenish the Depleted Supply Which Has Proven Handicap to Laredo People.

News of a most interesting and glad some nature comes to the people of Laredo, and that is the announcement that the gas supply, practically depleted in the wells at present in use has been replenished by the bringing in of a big gasser on the tract of land known as the Cuellar tract in Zapata county, about 18 miles south of the present base of supply of gas at Reiser and one-half mile east of the big gasser on the ranch of Joe Jennings.

The well was that drilled by the Border Gas Co., which supplies gas to the city of Laredo and nearby farms, and the announcement of the big well being brought in came like a sunbeam from a clouded sky, for Laredo's gas supply had reached that stage where it was not dependable and people were compelled to resort to other means of fuel to prevent freezing to death during a cold spell or go hungry at the same time for lack of a gas stream sufficient to cook their food.

Work on the new well for the local company was begun on November 20 and the drilling operations have progressed incessantly ever since. On Friday night the big gasser, one of the best ever brought in in this section, came with a roar and was promptly controlled. Being that it is located about 18 miles from the present base of supply and mains at Reiser, a pipe line will have to be built, and this might necessitate about thirty days, and then the gas supply will be as reliable and dependable as of old.

Notice to Tax-Payers.

My office in the County Court house is now open for the reception of assessments for the year 1916 and property owners will please call and render same as early as possible. Hours: 8 a. m. to 12 and from 1 to 5 p. m. B. J. LEYENDECKER, County Assessor of Texas. 1-3-lm.

The liver loses its activity at times and needs help. HERBINE is an effective liver stimulant. It also purifies the bowels, strengthens digestion and restores strength, vigor and cheerful spirits. Price 50c. Sold by all druggists.

SOME FIELDS LOOK SICKLY

Jack Frost Visited Laredo Section and Nipped Plants and They Are Looking Yellowish on Some Farms.

As a result of recent frosts in this section numerous vegetable fields are presenting an appearance that is not very favorable, for the deleterious work of the cold snaps is shown by the yellowish-looking appearance of the plants in many places. The outer leaves of some vegetation is seriously affected by the after-frost results of the frost, while other plants are rapidly recuperating from the visitation of Jack Frost. However, there will be no great loss of vegetation from the nippings of frost.

The rain which fell this morning and visited some of the numerous onion and diversified vegetable fields in this section will conduce to reviving the damaged crops and also to bringing them where they will take on new life and at once show the great recuperative powers brought by the showers from the heavens as compared with moisture furnished through irrigation. Onions are doing fairly good at this time, but the most damage done by pest and frost so far has been to cabbage, lettuce and other truck.

This afternoon at two o'clock a heavy rain began falling in Laredo.

Heartburn, indigestion or distress of the stomach is instantly relieved by HERBINE. It forces the badly digested food out of the body and restores tone in the stomach and bowels. Price 50c. Sold by all druggists.

SOLDIER DENIES HE'S DEAD

Notwithstanding Private Bolding Read of Where He Had Passed Away From Wounds, He is Alive.

Private Bolding of the Seventeenth Infantry, and an orderly to Brigadier General Evans, who was stabbed eleven times on Saturday morning when he was assailed by an infuriated Mexican, is somewhat improved today and has chances of recovery, despite reports to the contrary published in a morning paper telling how "peacefully he passed away."

Bolding denies that he is dead and says reports of his death have been greatly exaggerated, and that as soon as the stitches taken in him cause his wounds to begin to heal he expects to be up and about again. Officers are still searching for the Mexican who did the slashing stunt.

LIEUT. MURPHY TRANSFERRED

Officer of Fourteenth Cavalry Goes to Fourth Cavalry and Transferred to Service in Honolulu.

Lieutenant D. E. Murphy of Troop K, Fourteenth Cavalry, who has been stationed with his command at Fort McIntosh during the past two years, is today bidding his numerous friends goodbye preparatory to his departure tonight for San Francisco, from whence he will proceed to Honolulu, where he has been transferred for service with the Fourth Cavalry.

The transfer from the Fourteenth to the Fourth Cavalry was made only a few days ago and Lieutenant Murphy's many friends hope that he will be pleased with his new station and will some day return again to Laredo.

LITTLE LOCALS

—All members of the Laredo Fire Department Racing Team are requested to be present at Firemen's Hall this evening at 8 o'clock. Those who expect to compete for places on the team are urged to attend.

—Are you going to San Ignacio or Zapata? Take that Auto Mail and Passenger Service. Leaves Laredo at 8 a. m. and returns by 6:30 p. m. every day except Sunday. Passengers are taken for any intermediate points. Fare 5c a mile, minimum 50c. For any information call at Dodier Store. Extra for baggage. 12-29-lm

—Jarvis Plaza presents a most attractive and inviting appearance of evenings now with its numerous glowing white globes furnishing an illumination that is soft and whose radiance covers the whole block of land, providing light for every portion of the little plaza.

—Large assortment dolls and toys at lowest prices. Saft's. 12-17-tf.

—News from Corpus Christi Saturday told of another thirty-million-foot-a-day gasser being brought in in the White Point field last Friday afternoon. This makes the third monster gasser brought in there, but like the others, it blew up the derrick and is apparently uncontrollable. Many people interested in the White Point oil field are watching the antics of those gassers.

—Deer, coyote, wild cat and javelin mounted true to life. Skins tanned and made into rugs. By W. R. Muter, 1215 Lincoln street. 12-8-lm.

—The weather throughout Sunday was threatening and for a few minutes yesterday afternoon a misting rain fell. The clouds continued overexerting themselves throughout yesterday and last night and this morning early a nice rain began falling and continued intermittently part of the forenoon.

—St. Paul Hotel, new management. Rooms with or without private bath. Rates on application. Mrs. J. W. Earnest. Phone 782. 11-6-tf

—The schools of the city, both public and private, resumed their sessions this morning after a week's vacation. Teachers and pupils have had a good rest during the holidays, combined with pleasant times, and now get down to work in earnest for the new year.

—Don't forget "THE RED CIRCLE" at the Strand today.

—Teacher of English, Spanish and Gregg Shorthand, evening lessons only. Apply Will W. Gregg, Times office. 10-11-tf.

—There is a dearth in the supply of jitneys since the new ordinances went into effect. Up to a few days ago it was dangerous to cross any of the streets without scanning the thoroughfare for quite a distance and watching for some "jit" coming down the street at breakneck speed—but now, how different.

—W. R. Muter, taxidermist, 1215 Lincoln street. 11-9-tf.

—Eastern Hair Dressing Shop, 1210 Lincoln street. Phone 889 for appointment. 9-23-tf.

—The following marriage licenses have been issued by the county clerk since last report: Crispin Velazquez and Otila Valdez, Jose Gonzales and Nemesia Navarro.

—For self starter work see Yeary at the Citizens Garage. 6-25-tf.

—Will W. Gregg, Notary Public, at Times office. 6-5-tf (Adv.)

—The importations through this port from Mexico today consisted of six carloads of cabbage, two carloads of ixtle and one carload of hides. The exportations through this port to Mexico on Saturday were very light.

—Do you desire comfort? Use electric lights and fans. 4-24-tf. (Adv.)

—Reports received here indicate that there were light showers of rain throughout this entire section early this morning, but in no place was the rain any heavier than in Laredo, consequently no places were flooded.

—Don't forget "THE RED CIRCLE" at the Strand today.

—If it is neat and accurate job printing that you want send your orders to The Times job department. Expert workmanship and the best of materials. 19-tf.

—A civil service examination has been announced to take place in Laredo on the 4th of March to obtain eligibles to fill future vacancies in the customs service.

CASES ARE SET FOR TRIAL

Jury Civil Cases Are Set for Same Days as the Murder Cases in District Court Here.

While there are two murder cases set for trial on January 17 and 19 respectively, and something may arise to forestall the trials, such as absence of witnesses, etc., there are two jury civil cases docketed for the same dates.

There was nothing doing in the district court today, the time being consumed in piddling to kill time, as some civil business which had been set for trial today was postponed on account of the failure of interested parties to put in an appearance in the courtroom.

How to Cure Colds.

Avoid exposure and drafts. Eat right. Take Dr. King's New Discovery. It is prepared from Pine Tar, healing balsams and mild laxatives. Dr. King's New Discovery kills and expels the cold germs, soothes the irritated throat and allays inflammation. It heals the mucous membrane. Search as you will you cannot find a better cough and cold remedy. It is use over 45 years is a guarantee of satisfaction.

OLD I.W. HARPER WHISKEY

YOUR GUIDE TO REAL WHISKEY

Get That Name in your mind—memorize it—say it every time you buy whiskey and you will always get the best.

ORDER FROM Moser's Store. J. J. Czar.

From Monday's Daily.

PROF. MALLY CALLS FOR CAMPAIGN AGAINST THRIP

PROMPT CO-OPERATIVE ACTION OF GROWERS NECESSARY.

Request For Committee of Onion Growers—Has Everything in Readiness for Action.

Through the medium of the Times, Professor F. W. Mally, the United States farm demonstrator for Webb county, has addressed the following communication to the onion growers of this section.

Have been delaying issuing a warning to the onion growers through the columns of your paper, for fear that my suggestions might be premature. I have gone over the onion growing territory twice during the past two weeks. The rate of increase of the thrrips, or onion lice, has been marvelous during that time. It would not be fair to state all onion fields are centers of infestation but there are breeding areas enough, fairly well distributed, from which all fields are in danger, if weather conditions favor the breeding of the pests during another three weeks, the same as the past three weeks.

I am committing myself to this warning now for several reasons:

1. I desire to be of record as calling urgent attention to the seriousness of the situation, and that the time for action confronts the growers.

2. The worst breeding centers are as yet fairly well defined and more or less limited.

3. By making an immediate and relentless warfare against the pest in these breeding areas, they may be controlled there, and their spread checked with the least cost of labor, equipment and materials.

4. For the past month I have been locating where the nearest quickly available supplies as to insecticides and spraying apparatus may be secured. Everything will have to be secured from outside the state. This will take time, and probably cause serious delay at critical times, unless action is taken at once.

5. I have revised all the data as to formulas for all kinds of spraying materials that have proven successful, so that we will not be confined to one particular insecticide, unless we choose to. Same has been done with reference to spraying equipments, and the same conditions as to source of supply exist and calls for the same quick and concerted action.

6. Am prepared for interested growers to call at my office at the Chamber of Commerce, and all information at my command to the latest day, will be placed at their command, and the best line of action for their particular campaign can be planned.

7. An onion growers thrrips campaign committee should be called and organized to co-operate for systematic work all along the line, so that no breeding center of serious proportions be overlooked and no grower who is unfortunate enough to have a serious center of infestation for breeding, shall be permitted to become a menace to the others.

I am aware that Laredo onion growers have been accustomed to using fertilizers and irrigation with which to force a quick growth and early maturity, but this method has been only partly successful owing to the unfavorable climatic conditions so far as the pests are concerned, and not the most favorable weather conditions for the thrrips, such as have prevailed thus far this season. Every condition and factor, I feel sure the growers themselves will concede as being unusual, if they will stop to consider. Hence the usual "repose" should be replaced with more aggressiveness this season.

There will be some who will not be alarmed to serious consideration by this "call to spraying," but please remember and note it now, that I have done my duty in the premises. Also that I shall waive further responsibility in the premises unless prompt action and organization for war purposes on the thrrips is taken.

The onion growers should have a committee at once to see to it that spraying materials are secured and carried in stock for quick action and at the most reasonable prices. The same for spraying equipment and to further a systematic canvas of the situation, and a campaign be at once pushed with system and vigor. This matter requires the co-operation of all growers at once. I have not been able to secure here either spraying materials or spraying equipment. I have had to send away for everything.

I am ready; let the onion growers get together for action and I shall put forth every effort within my power and every force at my command from the government on down, to make a winning fight against the pest, and do so economically.

The Habit of Taking Cold.

With many people taking cold is a habit, but fortunately one that is easily broken. Take a cold sponge bath every morning when you first get out of bed—not ice cold, but a temperature of about 90 degs. F. Also sleep with your window up. Do this and you will seldom take cold. When you do take cold take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and get rid of it as quickly as possible. Obtainable everywhere.

Notice to Contractors.

Notice is hereby given that bids will be received and opened at 10 o'clock on the fourth day of January, 1916, at my office for the construction of a cement walk in front of the Market building and the construction of three concrete culverts on Seymour avenue, Eastern Division. Plans and specifications can be seen at my office. The city reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

A. V. WOODMAN,
City Secretary.

For Neat and Accurate Job Work
fing up 43.

BRIDGE CLOSED ALL SUNDAY AND BULLFIGHT A FAILURE

IT WAS BATTLE OF HEALTH VS. FINANCIAL GAIN OF FEW

Health Authorities Won Out; Mexicans Retaliated and Closed Their End of Bridge; But Why?

As announced in the Times the day before, the quarantine at the international footbridge from the American side was instituted by Dr. H. C. Hall, the state health officer here, Saturday at noon and remained in full force and effect so far as the American authorities were concerned up to 6 o'clock last evening, when the health officer removed the rope which had been taut across the approach to the bridge from the moment quarantine was established.

The quarantine was instituted by the health authorities as a precautionary measure and to preclude the possibility of the introduction of dangerous disease in Laredo as a result of vast crowds of people from Laredo going to the Mexican city on Saturday and Sunday to attend the bull fights. The health authorities here informed the Mexican authorities that they proposed to establish the embargo if the bull fights were staged as planned, but that if the fights were called off no quarantine would be put on. But the Mexican officials apparently thought more of a little financial gain than the health of the community and permitted the bull fights to take place. (But the fight failed to materialize for lack of patronage.) Well and good, the American officials also had a prerogative and this they exercised and the bridge was closed.

Immediately some retaliatory measures were adopted by the Mexican officials and they closed the bridge from the Mexican side—saying they would reciprocate the act of the Americans. What they gained is still puzzling them, for certainly no Americans tried to steal past the quarantine lines to invade the silent city across the boundary line, and this was seemingly a cause for disappointment to them. The Americans lifted the quarantine yesterday evening at six o'clock, or when the bull fight was supposed to be over, while the Mexican authorities on their end became stubborn and retained the embargo until, of their own free volition, and when nobody in Laredo was concerned in the matter, they lifted the quarantine this morning and allowed their people to come to the American side.

PLANS FOR CELEBRATION BE DISCUSSED TOMORROW

AT MEETING AT ROOMS OF LAREDO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Expected That the Initiative Will be Taken in Plan to Stage Big Celebration Here Next Month.

Tomorrow afternoon at 5 o'clock at the quarters of the Laredo Chamber of Commerce a meeting of citizens of Laredo is called for the purpose of taking some action on the proposition of having the annual celebration of Washington's Birthday Anniversary in this city in February and for the appointment of an executive committee to have charge of tentative plans for the celebration should it be decided to have same year.

The celebration of the natal day of "the father of his country" in Laredo has become an annual event of national interest and there is great significance attached to the question as to whether or not the celebration shall be held this year. For the first year. For the first time in four years the chaotic conditions that have prevailed in Mexico have been suppressed, peace and order prevails on the border and the old-time participation of the two Laredos in a joint program of festivities will contribute to the formulating of a program of festivities that will be appreciated by all who witness the celebration, and there is no doubt but that many excursionists will come here from distant places to participate in one of the principal holiday celebrations of this union.

At the meeting tomorrow afternoon various phases of celebrations of the past will be discussed, stress will be laid on the present prosperity that pervades this entire section and emphasis will be given the propitious conditions in Mexico, and this has been proven satisfactorily during the past three years.

All Laredo people interested in the staging of a big celebration of Washington's Birthday Anniversary in this city next month are and are willing to contribute their efforts to making the observance what it should be, are invited to attend the meeting tomorrow afternoon at 5 o'clock at the Laredo Chamber of Commerce rooms.

A WORTHY PHILANTHROPY.

Orphans Given Trolley Ride, Moving Picture Party and Stockings Filled With Gifts.

The fifty-four little orphans from the Catholic Orphanage on the Heights were the recipients of a number of "treats" on New Year's Day. Mr. Morton of the Laredo Electric and Railway Company furnished them with a special car for a jolly ride to town and return.

Mr. Valdez of the Royal Theater treated them to a splendid program of high-class pictures and excellent music, and as the children emerged from the theater they were handed stockings filled to the brim with fruit, nuts and candy by the chaperones. A song program at the orphanage concluded a peaceful day, and the little orphans sailed happily away to Dreamland, fully convinced that this auspicious beginning was prophetic of heaps of nice surprises that the year 1916 had in store for them.

SOCIETY

Mrs. Violet S. Oberfeldt
Editor Phone 70

SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Monday.

There will be a meeting of the executive board of the Woman's Club at Mrs. D. F. Anderson's studio at two o'clock in the afternoon. Mrs. Anderson will entertain the club generally at four o'clock.

The Tournament Club will meet with Mrs. J. E. Biggio at half after three in the afternoon.

Tuesday.

Christ Church Junior Auxiliary will meet at the Rectory at four o'clock in the afternoon.

The Sunbeam Society will meet at the Baptist Church at four o'clock in the afternoon.

Ladies Night at the Ninth Infantry Club.

O. E. S. will meet at the Masonic Hall at eight o'clock in the evening.

The Gallant Years.

The Old Year looked at the clock,
Smiled his gallant old smile and so
Took his beaver, arranged his stock,
Kissed her hand, whirled his curtsied
low
(That demure coquette of a world),
And sighed as she watched him go.

The Old Year closed the door,
And she waited, half mirth—half
fear.

Till the clock's last stroke gave o'er,
And over the casement clear
(Oh, demure coquette of a world)
Leaped that dashing beau—New
Year!

—Theodosia Garrison.

General Mention.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Meyer left last night for Rochester, New York. Mrs. Meyer has been the guest of relatives since the early part of October and she has a host of warm friends who regret to have her leave their midst.

Miss Kathleen Coulter of San Antonio is the guest of Mrs. R. A. Brown of Fort McIntosh.

Lieutenant Gilbreath returned yesterday from a short trip to San Antonio.

Miss Lillian Wagner, who has been the guest during the holidays of the Misses Alexander, left today for her home in San Antonio.

Miss Katherine MacGregor left today for San Antonio to re-enter St. Mary's Hall where she is a student.

Mr. Otto Withoff left last night for San Antonio.

Miss Helen Richter, after spending the holidays with her parents, left last night for Washington, D. C., where she will resume her studies at the National Park Seminary.

Miss Ruth Kline, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Jeffries, left last night for Denton, Texas. She was accompanied by Miss Helen MacGregor, who also spent the holidays in Laredo.

Miss Clara Hall returned to Bruni today after spending the holidays with her mother.

Miss Annie Jeffries and Mrs. A. W. Schmitt, after spending the holidays with their mother, returned to San Ignacio and Zapata yesterday.

Mrs. H. M. Rosenbaum and little daughter of Dallas arrived in the city this afternoon for a short visit to Mrs. Rosenbaum's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Goodwin.

Miss Myrtle Thomas has arrived here from Wilcox, Arizona, and is visiting her brother, F. A. Thomas, and his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Kilsby left yesterday for Alice, where they go to visit Mr. Kilsby's parents. Mr. Kilsby will return here in a day or two, while Mrs. Kilsby will spend a week or more in Alice.

Leap Year Hop.

The leap year hop at Fort McIntosh on Saturday evening was a most delightful affair and many guests from town attended. The gymnasium was decorated in flags, gauds and pennants. One corner of the room was draped in flags and with easy chairs was a most inviting spot for the tired dancer. Punch was served throughout the evening from the Ninth Infantry punch bowl, which was placed on a table beautifully decorated in ferns and poinsettias. There were twelve straight dances and several extras. A delicious salad course was served at eleven o'clock.

New Year's Receptions.

Colonel and Mrs. Crane were assisted on New Year's in receiving by General and Mrs. R. K. Evans and Colonel and Mrs. R. A. Brown. The rooms were beautifully decorated in Southern smilax, mistletoe and red bells. Dainty refreshments were served from a polished table which held as a centerpiece a tall vase of American Beauty roses and ferns, resting on a filmy lace centerpiece. Egg nog was served from the Ninth Infantry punch bowl and fruit punch was also served. About one hundred guests called during the morning.

Among those receiving on New Year's day were Colonel and Mrs. Brown, who received at their quarters at Fort McIntosh, and General and Mrs. R. K. Evans, who received at the Ninth Infantry Club.

PERSONALS

A. B. Lafon returned from San Antonio, where he spent the holidays.

HAMILTON:—W. M. Wheelless, Beaumont; L. A. Brustard, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Negell, W. F. Box, B. J. Flannagan, Geo. Skains, San Antonio; G. O. Lighter, Monterey; Alfred Berliner, San Antonio; Geo. Lorwein, St. Louis. Mo.; W. J. Marshall, New Orleans; J. P. Markham, Monterey; H. E. Blum, S. J. Patton, Tampico; W. E. Fredrick, Monterey; F. T. Berger, Mexico City.

ROSS:—M. Lozano Lara, Monterey; Fred Leber, Nellie Gill, San Antonio; Jose J. Trevino, A. Cueva Perez, Monterey; M. H. Rodriguez, Bruni; Ike Hass, Baltimore; Gabriel Valdez, Monterey; J. D. Neal, Cotulla; W. D. Pedicord, San Antonio; C. Mayers, Port Arthur; S. A. Bernard, Bay City; Mrs. T. A. McVicar, San Diego; P. P. Gavilan and wife, Pablo Valenzuela and family, Los Angeles; P. Raphael, Mrs. F. M. Fisher, R. Zugasti, F. E. Phillips, San Antonio.

BENDER:—C. C. Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Day, P. O. Loughlan, Pierre, S. D.; Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Small, Independence, Kans.; J. M. Wesper, Los Angeles, Cal.; B. Lamlin, New York; Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Schrader, W. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Shaw, Randolph Salinas, Mexico City; Young L. Moore, Dallas; P. B. Echals, San Antonio; C. C. Hoke, Mapimi, Mex.; Mrs. E. W. Crane, Los Angeles, Cal.; Mr. and Mrs. V. Osterman, El Paso; Ben F. Blair, Sedalia, Mo.; John P. Larkin, Lamar, Kan.; R. E. Paine, Houston; A. S. Younv, Saldito; W. D. Syers, B. L. Bransaw, San Antonio.

HUSBAND ON TRIAL FOR MINNESOTA CLIFF MURDER.

Minneapolis, Jan. 3.—Frederick T. Price, husband of Mrs. Mary Fridley Price, member of a prominent family in this state, who was killed by a fall from a cliff the day after she received \$60,000 from her father, will be called for trial today on the charge of murdering his wife. The case is the most sensational murder case ever known in this section of the Northwest. For a long time after the death of Mrs. Price at the foot of a 50 foot embankment, Price had his freedom. He secured much of her property, and sued for damages. The affair at the cliff, now charged as murder, occurred on Nov. 28, 1914. It was not until last month that Price was indicted and held for the alleged murder.

The principal witness against Price is Charles D. Etchison, the confessed accomplice of Price, who was arrested in Washington, D. C., and brought here on an indictment of first degree murder returned jointly against himself and Price. Etchison has declared that the slaying of Mrs. Price had been planned for months; that he was the hired assistant; that the place for the murder was carefully selected, and that every detail of the tragedy was gone over so that there would be no slip.

According to Etchison's story, he was with Price and Mrs. Price on the night of Nov. 28, 1913, in an automobile, when they arrived at the scene of the murder. Price stopped the car near the cliff, pretending to have engine trouble, and suggested that his wife alight. As she was getting out of the car, according to Etchison, Price gave her "an almighty shove" that sent her crashing down over the bluff. They heard the body strike far below them, said Etchison. Then Price picked up the pet dog and threw it over also, he said. Etchison is said to have received \$3,500 for his part in the cliff tragedy.

Price married Mary Fridley on Oct. 2, 1908. Her father is a prominent man in this section. It developed after the tragedy that Price was already a married man when he married the victim of the cliff affair. He married Rose Smith Price in 1896, at Wheaton, Ill. After that he married, in 1901, Miss Marie Schwartz of Rockford, Ill., who divorced him. Eight months after the violent death of his Minnesota wife, he married Carrie Olson Price, who is now standing by him and asserts she believes in his innocence.

Another important witness in the trial which begin today is a doctor who examined Mrs. Price after she brought to the city. A wound on the head puzzled him, but the stories told by Price and Etchison after the tragedy allayed suspicion. This wound on the head may corroborate the story of Etchison in his confession, that Price beat his wife with a stone over the head when he descended the cliff and found she was not dead.

Price's defense is expected to develop an attempt to exclude the testimony of Etchison. The confessed accomplice has already sworn in court that the cliff tragedy was an accident. There are also rumors about that a third witness of the tragedy has been found, who will be produced in court by Price's lawyers.

Price has denied the truth of the story told by Etchison. He has stated that the man is suffering from hallucinations.

BANANA TRUST TRIAL RESUMED.

Philadelphia, Jan. 3.—The "Banana Trust" suit, which has already been to trial for six weeks in the United States District Court, was resumed here today. The United Fruit Company, the alleged monopoly, is fighting the claims of the Bluefields Steamship Company. Witnesses for the United Fruit Company will be heard today, in refutation of the charge that the United company throttled the steamship company after it gained control, and to deny that the Bluefields concern was forced into a receiver's hands for the purpose of obtaining a monopoly in the banana business. Witnesses for the defense have already testified that the plantations of the Bluefields company in Nicaragua were not neglected while the United controlled the company, but that every effort was made and no expense spared to make the Bluefields corporation a paying investment.

WILSON CUTS SHORT HONEYMOON BECAUSE OF NEW COMPLICATIONS IN OUR AFFAIRS

Austrian Charge d'Affaires Asks that Judgment be Withheld on Sinking of the Persia Until All the Facts are In, Promising that if Austrian Submarine, His Government Would Make Reparation.

SECOND TIMON TRIAL SET FOR TOMORROW

FAILURE OF JUDGE BURNS TO ARRIVE CAUSED POSTPONE-MENT OF OPENING DAY.

By Associated Press.

Corpus Christi, Texas, Jan. 3.—The failure of Judge Walter T. Burns to arrive here this morning caused a postponement of the opening of court, when the Timon case was to be tried, until Tuesday.

The second trial of Judge Walter F. Timon, county judge of Nueces county, on charges of having defrauded the United States in an election at which congressmen were elected is the beginning of the past chapter of a thrilling story of South Texas politics and is directed against the last of forty-one defendants to similar charges. Of these five were convicted, sixteen acquitted and 20 dismissed prior to a verdict. The forty-first man, Judge Timon, was given a mistrial. Hence the coming trial.

Judge Timon was indicted last May with 41 others, but the indictment against one, Jose Acebo, was dismissed so that he might become a prosecuting witness. The federal jurisdiction was based upon the fact that the election in question included candidates for congress of whom there were three, two congressmen at large and one representative for the district. The election was held in November, 1914.

When the cases came to trial last September United States District Judge Walter T. Burns dismissed of his own motion the charge against District Judge W. B. Hopkins, saying the evidence did not warrant the charge against Judge Hopkins. Out of the trial came the following five convictions:

August Eohlinger, county clerk; Lee Riggs, constable; Henry Stevens, merchant; Tom Dunn, former secretary of the city of Corpus Christi and Ed. Castleberry, Uerhlinger, Stevens and Castleberry were sentenced to a year each in Leavenworth prison and to pay fines of \$5,000 each. Riggs and Dunn were given six-months jail sentences and fines of \$2,500 each. All appealed to the circuit court of appeals at New Orleans and a decision is expected by next month.

Judge Timon has not only been conspicuous in the politics of this section for years but has been county judge here for the past twelve years. He expresses confidence of acquittal by a jury when his case is thrashed out.

An interesting phase of the charge against him is the description of the supposed method of corrupting elections in vogue in Corpus Christi from the town's early history down to the inception of these proceedings. It was alleged that Judge Timon was the leading spirit in a scheme wherein Mexicans and negroes were bribed to vote the sentiments of the bribers, and that a regular "pay station" was situated in the Mexican quarter of the city conveniently opposite polling place. It is charged that all Mexicans and that negroes were received in squads into this pay station, from which they emerged \$2 or \$3 wealthier and with a ballot ready to vote the "Timon ticket."

EXPLOSION ON STEAMER.

By Associated Press.

New York, Jan. 3.—One man was killed, ten injured and eighteen are missing following an explosion on the steamer Aztec at the Brooklyn dry dock.

MRS. E. S. THOMAS WEPS NAVAL SURGEON.

New York, Jan. 3.—Mrs. Edward Stiles Thomas, former Miss Heloise Graham Brinkerhoff, will today become the bride of Surgeon Charles M. Oman, U. S. N., recently appointed executive officer of the U. S. Naval Hospital in Brooklyn. The wedding will take place in the Church of the Incarnation, and many society people will attend.

FOURTH GENERATION IN MAYOR'S CHAIR.

Albany, Ga., Jan. 3.—Maurice W. Tift, who takes oath of office mayor of this city today, is the fourth of the family of the founder of the town to be at the head of municipal affairs. Col. Nelson Tift, who cleared the woods for Albany's beginning some 80 years ago, was himself at the head of affairs in the new village. His son became mayor, and two grandsons were next in line. Another grandson of the town's founder, Charles W. Rawson, in the president of the Chamber of Commerce.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 3.—President Wilson will cut short his honeymoon and leave Hot Springs tonight for this city, because of new developments in the international situation caused by the sinking of the Persia. Consular despatches from Alexandria mentioned that the Persia carried a gun. While the presence of a gun might cause discussions to cloud the issue, the position of the gun would determine if it is to be a factor. The United States has held that guns mounted on the stern do not make the vessel armed. The situation is described as paralleling the crisis caused by the sinking of the Arabic close of Germany's assurances in response to representations in the sinking of the Lusitania. Charge d'Affaires Zwiendek of the Austrian embassy called on Secretary Lansing today and asked that the judgment on the Persia incident be withheld until all the facts are in. He also assured Mr. Lansing that if an Austrian submarine sank the Persia, Austria would give full reparation and satisfaction.

McNeely Probably Lost.

London, Jan. 3.—There is much uncertainty regarding the number lost on the British steamer Persia, sunk by a submarine in the Mediterranean. The latest despatches say the death list will exceed 200, and that 150 were landed. American Consul McNeely probably is lost. All accounts confirm the statement that the ship was torpedoed without warning and sank rapidly.

Sailed for Suez Canal.

Tokio, Jan. 3.—The newspapers announced today that squadron of Japanese warships has sailed for the Suez Canal, presumably to protect Japanese shipping. This is reported to be the decision following the sinking of two Japanese ships by submarines in the Mediterranean.

General War Notes.

London, Jan. 3.—Heavy fighting continues on the extreme southern Russian front where General Ivanoff is gaining ground with a heavy offensive movement. In the other theaters there is little activity. Reports continue that the Central allies are about to attack Saloniki, but Bulgaria continues to refuse to participate in such a campaign unless she receives promises of more than expulsion of the Entente allies from Saloniki. Athens gives serious thought to the arrest of the Germanic allied consuls by the French and it is reported from Sofia that the French consul there was arrested in retaliation. Athens reports say that martial law will be declared in Greece January 15 and that a session of parliament will be called for the 17th to confirm the order.

Complied With Our Requests.

Washington, Jan. 3.—The state department was notified today that the French government has ordered the release of the Germans taken from American ships in Porto Rican waters in response to representations from the United States.

British Steamship Sunk.

London, Jan. 3.—The British steamship Glengyle was sunk in the Mediterranean. One hundred and twenty passengers were aboard, with no Americans. All but seven were saved. The British steamer Stohwald was also sunk.

Blew Up French Trench.

Berlin, Jan. 3.—The war office announced today a German attack on the French at La Basse, when a trench was blown up and all the occupants killed. Some of the allied troops fled.

Travel Through Germany.

Copenhagen, Jan. 3.—The German government today gave the Ford peace party permission to travel through Germany to The Hague by a special non-stop train with the doors sealed. This eliminates the danger of sailing through the heavily-mined North Sea. Strict traveling conditions were imposed.

Japanese Freighter Sunk.

Tokio, Jan. 3.—The Japanese freighter Konkoku Maru was sunk in the Mediterranean by a submarine December 29, according to a message to the owner. The ship was chartered by a foreigner. The crew was saved.

Bad Habits.

Those who breakfast at eight o'clock or later, lunch at twelve and have dinner at six are almost certain to be troubled with indigestion. They do not allow time for one meal to digest before taking another. Not less than five hours should elapse between meals. If you are troubled with indigestion correct your habits and take Chamberlain's Tablets, and you may reasonably hope for a quick recovery. These tablets strengthen the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. Obtainable everywhere.

JUSTICE LAMAR IS DEAD IN WASHINGTON

GREAT JURIST PASSED AWAY AFTER YEARS OF IMPORTANT SERVICES RENDERED.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Associate Justice Lamar of the United States supreme court, died here last night after a five months' illness. Justice Lamar was born in Duckersville, Ga., October 14, 1857. Graduating when 20 years old, he was admitted to the bar the following year, and had held several important positions before being appointed to the supreme court bench in 1910. He was the principal in the A. B. C. mediation at Niagara Falls in 1914 over Mexican conditions. The funeral train bearing the remains to his old home at Augusta, Ga., for interment leaves here tomorrow.

Pioneer Journalist Dead.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 3.—Robert Thompson Van Horn, a pioneer journalist, died here today.

DROVE THE ROBBERS AWAY.

By Associated Press.

Manassas, Texas, Jan. 3.—Yeggmen attempted to blow the safe of the First State Bank here early today, but the first explosion brought the watchman, who drove the burglars away. They got no loot.

FOUND IN OLD WELL.

By Associated Press.

Guthrie, Okla., Jan. 3.—The bodies of Ellen Thompson, nine years old, and her brother, aged five years, who disappeared New Year's Day, were found today in an abandoned well.

NATIONAL BASEBALL COMMISSION MEETS.

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 3.—The annual meeting of the National Baseball Commission opens here today, and from all indications the arrangements for terms of peace with the Federal League will be endorsed.

DECISION ON KIVIAT AND SMITH TODAY.

New York, Jan. 3.—The special committee of the A. A. U. hearing the appeal of Abel R. Kiviak and Harry J. Smith, famous runners, for reinstatement to amateur standing, will hear final arguments today and settle their cases. Kiviak and Smith were found guilty of demanding excessive expenses for participation in the games at Schenectady last September, and they appealed.

PHILADELPHIA NEW MAYOR TAKES OFFICE.

Philadelphia, Jan. 3.—Thomas B. Smith, the new Mayor of Philadelphia takes office today. The inauguration takes place in the Common Council Chamber, and a notable gathering will attend. Mayor Smith was formerly postmaster in this city, served in the Legislature, and is a member of many societies.

WHO WILL GET THE DRINK?

Keokuk, Ia., Jan.—By a vote of the city council, the sale of one glass of liquor will be made today, to test the validity of the molot law repeal. A record of the sale will be made and it will be reported to the attorney general. There are many candidates for the Iowa hall of fame niche "The man who bought the last drink in Iowa."

THE BREAD WORKERS.

"Corn boys" and "bread girls" from Ohio visited Philadelphia recently, says the North American, on the Buckeye corn special's tour, listened to speeches and then went on to New York. The boys had made three ears of corn grow where only one had sprouted before. The girls had carried off all the prizes in sight in housekeeping arts. And this tour is their reward. With them were farmers and their wives, who just went along to see the sights. A girl's band and a boys' band furnished music.

From Tuesday's Daily.

PRINTED JUNK.

In his maiden speech in the house of representatives the other day, "Cyclone" Davis, representative-at-large from Texas, introduced a resolution to have 2,000,000 copies of the report of the Federal Commission on Industrial Relations printed and distributed broadcast among the voters of the country. This, says the Waco News, would cost from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

The significant part of the cyclonic speech was the statement: "If any man from Texas votes to have this go to the junk pile, he will have to meet me on the stump when he gets back to Texas in the next campaign."

We agree with the News in its statement that "we had rather the resolution go to the junk pile than that \$100,000 be expended on printing the reports and then the reports go to the junk pile, as they certainly will."

Each session of congress sees many hundreds of thousands of pages printed and circulated by the congressmen among their constituents which properly belong in the junk pile. There is hardly a page of the Congressional Record which will bear reading the second time, and little of it deserves a first reading.

As to the particular report which Representative Davis wants printed, it has no particular interest to anyone, especially to anyone in Texas. Among other things stated by the head of that commission was the declaration that the tenant farmers of Texas were practically in a state of peonage, and anyone familiar with the true situation here will consider that his other statements are probably as little worthy of credence as the above.

The commission on industrial relations was a loudly-heralded federal body that was expected to aid greatly in establishing better relations through the publicity which it was to give to existing conditions.

It has really been of little importance to anyone, save to the members who drew their salaries for doing something which was prefigured from the start to result in nothing.

Just what good its "revelations" could do, were the report to be scattered throughout the country, is not plain to anyone save Representative Davis. A great deal of the proceedings, as well as many ex parte statements from members of the commission, from the head down, have been published in all the important papers of the country, and we fail to see what change in conditions was effected.

The printing of a lot of useless information may be the proper function of the government printing office, but it would appear to be time to call a halt on the needless and valueless expense of printing everything that happens in federal official circles.

There are few things which do not reach the reading public through the columns of the great newspapers, and a condensed statement of what is going on in Washington is available to even the readers of the country weeklies, through the efforts of the boiler plate factories.

One who has attempted to wade through the flood of verbosity contained in the average Congressional Record, or who has glanced through the voluminous reports of the various governmental branches, will readily understand how little real information could be secured from the many volumes which constitute the report of the commission on federal relations. And who in this present age has the time to even read, much less digest, such a torrent of words as is contained in the report of investigations (to say nothing of the recommendations) which covered a period of many months?

If we had our choice of reading the report or playing cradle throughout the time that such a period would consume, we would choose the bit of string and the innane look every time.

As to meeting "Cyclone" on the stump, that's a horse of another color. There are no doubt many congressmen who would be willing to accept even that awful alternative, trusting to their luck. There must have been some Philistines who escaped Samson and his novel weapon. If we read our Scriptures aright, and it might happen again.

DUAL CITIZENSHIP.

The Fatherland again comes to the force with a newly discovered mares' nest. The presence of William Thaw, Elmer Cowdin and Norman Prince, who are stated to be members of the French army flying corps, in New York called for a demand by the editor of the Fatherland that they be ordered interned.

He quotes an article of the Hague convention of 1907—which convention, by the way, has been persistently violated by the German Imperial government ever since the beginning of the war—as the authority for our government to intern these French soldiers, who are of American birth and citizenship.

The men alluded to did not come to this country in the capacity of soldiers of a foreign power. They were not fleeing from an enemy as were the officers and crew of the two German cruisers interned at Norfolk. Nor have they shown any disposition to incite strikes among American workmen, or to recruit for the French army, or to sink ships flying an enemy flag.

They are on leave of absence from the French army, on a visit to their relatives in the United States, and they have violated no law in coming to New York.

But there is a phase of the case that deserves attention from congress at the present session. The recent order of the secretary of labor to immigration officials declaring that the American citizenship of a man shall not be questioned because he took the oath of allegiance and enlisted in the Canadian forces deserves the strictest scrutiny.

If our laws permit a man who is born or naturalized an American citizen to take the oath of allegiance to

Canada and enlist in her armies, then there is no reason why a German-American who becomes a naturalized citizen of this country is doing wrong by returning to Germany to fight in her armies.

There is no provision in our constitution for dual citizenship. If a man is recognized as an American citizen, then he cannot be a citizen of any other country. And if the other country demands that he be a citizen before he can enlist in its armies, then he must thereby forfeit his American citizenship.

Now, when these questions are agitating many citizens who claim the right to dual citizenship, our congress should once for all enact a law that will settle this particular point. If any foreign country refuses to recognize our right to a citizen who becomes naturalized after renouncing his native allegiance, then citizens of that country should be refused naturalization, on the ground that their citizenship would always be in doubt.

Citizens of the United States who enlist in the service of any foreign country thereby forfeit their right to the protection of our flag. More than that, they should be declared to have forfeited all rights of citizenship, and they should be required to become naturalized citizens, renouncing their former foreign allegiance, before they can again exercise the rights and privileges of Americans.

It is a notorious fact that on the Canadian border there are recruiting offices opened for the express purpose of securing American recruits for the British service. The men who thus renounce their American citizenship should be given to understand that they no longer possess the rights of American citizenship, and they cannot be again admitted to those rights unless they purge themselves of their foreign allegiance and renounce it, thus becoming naturalized citizens of the United States.

This should apply equally to those who enlist in any foreign service. Here on the border we have had the disgusting spectacle of native-born American joining one or the other of the Mexican factions, returning from time to time to vote or to secure their poll tax receipts, and there seems to be no question as to this improper practice.

No man should be permitted to become an American citizen for purely business reasons, or for protection, with the idea that whenever he may see fit he may again assume his foreign allegiance, afterwards returning to exercise the privileges of an American citizen. It smacks too much of the mercenary or the Free Companion.

Jeff. McEmore announces in his biography in the Congressional Directory that he was "born on Friday, March 13, in a storm." A perusal of our perpetual calendar leads us to believe that he was born either in 1812 or in 1818. Now if any one has a record of the storms about that time, we shall be sure of the date.

The international embroglio caused the president to cut his honeymoon short. If anyone looks for peace as a result of his action, he must credit Mr. Wilson with real Christian charity.

Japanese warships have sailed for the Suez Canal, presumably to protect Japanese shipping in the Mediterranean. The remembrance of what Japanese warships did at the Yalu gives us reason to believe that someone has a hot time coming.

The French government has promised to release the Germans who were forcibly taken from American vessels in Porto Rican waters. That's all right about the Germans, but what do they do for our wounded dignity?

WHAT'S A LUXURY.

Is tooth paste a luxury? Are those countless individuals in this fair land who scrub their molars faithfully morning, noon and night mere victims of sybaritic habits, or are they, as their advertisements and dentists aver, consistent advocates of preparedness, guarding their systems from invasion by enemies at one of the chief danger points? Congress will soon have to answer. At present tooth paste, officially, is a luxury taxed as such for the last year, along with perfumes, talcum powders and many other adjuncts of the dressing room and toilet table, under the special war revenues raiser. And tooth paste will remain, officially, a luxury if that tax be continued, as is now proposed.—Brenham Banner-Press.

YOUTH'S VANISHED JOYS.

We hear it asked, "What has become of olden-time co'n pone; Of Mammy's beaten biscuits with The flavor all their own; But—would they be good again If they were served tonight? Would memory make up, perchance, For jaded appetite?"

That chicken Maryland we knew In golden bygone days Seems to have lost its flavor now, The pies that mother used to make, So flaky and so light, Go well in verse—but would they tempt The jaded appetite?

And thus in reminiscent vein, One might ask "What's become" of this and that and t'other thing—Of doughnuts—and them some; They live but in the memory As visions of delight; We couldn't eat them now because We lack the appetite.

Found a Secure Thing.

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VOICE OF TEXAS.

Is He Religious?

"Billy Sunday," remarks the New Orleans States, "who has been saving souls in Omaha at the rate of \$20 per head, says: 'If the people don't believe what I preach they will go to hell, and I would like to meet the people face to face who talk about me. I would knock their teeth down their throats, the dirty, stinking, pot-bellied skunks.'" If that kind of language doesn't bring sinners to repentance, then their case is hopeless, we suppose.—Denison Herald.

The Folly of Henry Ford.

The so-called Ford Peace Party was a complete failure and didn't even give a partial boost to Henry Ford's presidential aspirations. How happy Mr. Bryan must feel that he wasn't one of the "nuts" that accompanied Ford across the briny deep! Those who did accompany Ford will no doubt return to this country feeling that they played the part of donkeys, even though the expense of their trip was borne by the manufacturer of go-carts and who has more money than he has brains.—State Topics

Learn to Earn.

There is always something new to be learned about farming. What one learns this year will benefit in the years to come, but next year there will be something else to learn if one would keep up with progress. Every day, every hour as we plow, cultivate, breed animals, select seed, spread manure and do the many things that must be done, we learn, and must continue to learn, if we wish to become successful farmers.

In no other business is there a greater demand for definite information. The right thing must be done at the right time and in the right way. Farming is a business that requires business farmers.

We have the testimony of many, the examples of hundreds, that farming pays when practiced in an intelligent, definite, business way. Men succeed. They make the farm pay a profit upon their labor, their intelligence and the capital they have invested. Farms afford a competence to rear large families, educate the children, and start them in business for themselves with intelligence, healthy bodies, strong moral characters and indomitable energy. Farms are doing this under the supervision of progressive managers, affording them at the same time many of the comforts of life.—Farm and Ranch.

Praying for Peace.

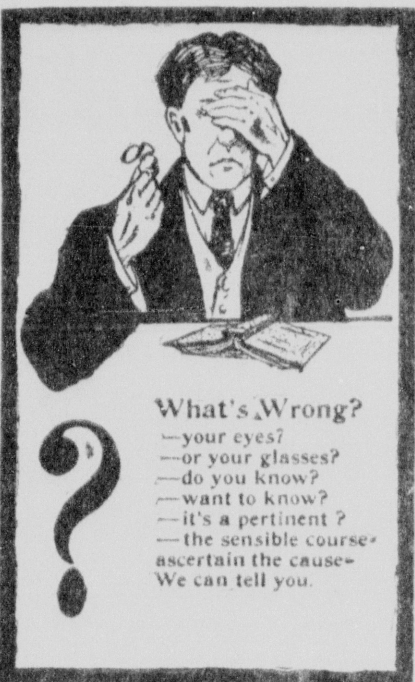
The former Villa forces at Juarez, surrendered to Carranza, are now to take the field against their former chief. Lower California's governor has turned the peninsular state over to the Carrancistas also. Next we may hear that the Yaquis and Zapatistas have laid down arms and joined the peace movement. Verily peace seems to be taking hold on the republic. May it continue to spread until the entire country is at peace and enjoying the blessings of peace and prosperity.—Brownsville Herald.

Carranza Makes Headway.

Where is Villa? No matter; Carranza makes steady headway. Mines are being opened, railway service restored, confidence placed in plumb. Even though he may be bull-headed, as Consul Edwards remarks, Carranza is no man's fool. He has had sense enough to let others do the fighting; he has curtailed the power of money; has saved the henequen crop to Mexico; has instituted certain drastic reforms which will have a tendency to lift the poor above his role of extreme servitude. He will not accomplish everything in day, or in a series of years. If he directs thought toward the better good, and always suspicion, he will have performed his service to his countrymen. With the United States to lend him a helping hand, there is no reason to believe that he will fail to accomplish peace.—Corpus Christi Caller.

Nothing to Lose.

Washington is making preparations for a break in diplomatic relations between the United States and Austria as a result of the sinking of the Italian ship, Ancona, with Americans on board some weeks ago. It is expected that Austria's reply will unsatisfactory and leaves no other course open to this Government. Evidently Austria figures, also Germany, that America's sympathies are already with the allies, therefore they have nothing to lose at this time.—Denison Herald.



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—want to know?
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CONGRESS TACKLES NATIONAL DEFENSE.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Just how far the United States will go in the matter of preparedness for national defense is the problem that Senators and Representatives are tackling this week. Much has been written and said from all angles and the subject has been before the American people for over a year. There is a wide divergence of opinion as to how far to go; but the statesmen at the Capitol are generally agreed that something must be done. The shifting of a policy of long standing, the sudden awakening that danger lurks despite the superficial jangle of hands by nations for universal peace, and the determination of President Wilson that America must prepare to assert herself have the general endorsement of the people.

These are hard days for Congressmen and Senators. And the days are growing harder. Time was when session after session saw no ripple on the waves of serene comfort. For many years the sessions have been cut-and-dried affairs, with nothing more stirring than thunderous speechmaking on the tariff. Today a member of the national law-making body must absorb a mountain of information, must know world history, the development of civilization, the fundamentals of treaties and international relations. Peanut politics is in the discard, and only the man of brains can command the attention of the Congress and of the country in the great issues of the day.

The defense measure is rivalled by the "pork barrel" appropriations, for the Congressmen are insisting on big appropriations for their own districts. It is an old story, and it confronts all big measures. Just how far the pork bills will interfere with the Administration's plan to have the defense and revenue measures debated and settled first remains to be seen. The so-called pork bills include the Public Buildings Bill, the River and Harbors Bill and the Good Roads Bill. During the holiday races members of the committees having these measures in preparation worked hard to completed their several programmes, and it is understood they are all ready to come before the House.

The Administration has put the soft pedal on these appropriation measures, but there is an insistent demand from various localities that they go through, and the attitude of a number of Representatives may threaten the defense measure. Chairman Spearman of the Rivers and Harbors Committee is disposed to report a bill calling for at least \$40,000,000. Chairman Shackelford of the Good Roads Committee is introducing a bill appropriating \$25,000,000 more, and the Public Buildings Committee has decided to go ahead with its omnibus bill. The Ways and Means Committee is in a quandary regarding the means of raising revenues to meet even the defense programme, and if the fifty to one hundred millions additional is voted, the revenue situation will be seriously complicated. It is said.

It is predicted that the bill will be fairly clear sailing for the naval increase programme recommended by Secretary Daniels. These proposals will undoubtedly be attacked as too moderate, and the main argument advanced against them may be the suggestions of the Naval General Board, which call for an increase some three times as large as the Administration programme. Many members of Congress believe that practically all of the money to be voted for additional preparedness should be spent on the navy, and they base their belief on the showing of the British fleet in the recent European War. It is argued that, with the United States occupying an isolated position, a strong fleet would prevent invasion from abroad and give the nation plenty of time to recruit, train and equip an army sufficiently large for any eventualities.

But the disagreement on the naval appropriation will be insignificant in comparison with that of the army. The formation of a Continental Army as proposed by Secretary Garrison, is very unpopular in both houses of Congress. The proposal is criticised by those who want a strong standing army, by those who believe the plan will not work out, by those who favor this or that scheme for attaining greater military efficiency, and by the "little army" men. Chairman Hay of the House Military Committee has introduced a bill that omits any provision for the Continental Army proposed by Secretary Garrison. Gossip has attributed disagreements to Secretary Garrison and Representative Hay that are cited as a cause for their failure to work together.

Chairman Chamberlain of the Senate Committee on Military Affairs has introduced a bill providing for the adoption of the Swiss and Australian system of compulsory military education. But he states that this bill is merely suggestive, so that this plan will at least be considered.

IS SLOW RECUPERATING.

Randolph Robertson Was Here From Northern Mexico Metropolis and Says Business Dull.

Randolph Robertson, formerly deputy clerk of the federal court in Laredo, but now holding a clerical position under United States Consul General Hanna at Monterey, was on a visit to Laredo yesterday and incidentally shaking hands with his many friends here. He left on his return to Monterey today.

Speaking of conditions in Monterey at this time, Mr. Robertson says everything is quiet there and business is very slow in recuperating from the effects of the revolution, but that prospects are favorable for resumption of commercial activities on an old-time scale within a short time. While here Mr. Robertson attended to some matters in connection with turning over to J. W. Mussett the affairs of the federal deputy clerkship he held here.

TIMES WANT ADS.

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CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

WILL BE NAMED AT MEETING

AND PLANS FOR WASHINGTON BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION MADE

Chairman of Executive Committee Will be Named and He Will Appoint Live Wires to Assist Him.

This afternoon at 5 o'clock, at the quarters of the Laredo Chamber of Commerce, there will be held a meeting of citizens of Laredo at which plans will be discussed and action taken as to whether or not Laredo will adhere to her custom of the past eighteen years and next month celebrate the birthday anniversary of George Washington with festivities apropos to the occasion.

The meeting for this afternoon is called by Joseph Netzer, who for several years past has filled the responsible position of chairman of the executive committee of the celebration, and through whose indefatigable and untiring efforts the celebrations have been made successes, for when his committeemen became influenced by lethargy at their posts of duty Chairman Netzer sedulously "punched them up" until they did the work entrusted to them.

There are numerous men who delight to get on a committee of some kind just for the glory of the thing, but further than that they do not even make respectable figureheads, and this will be a thing guarded against this year by the chairman of the executive committee, for it is in his power to appoint live, wide-awake men to fill the committee berths and leave the siesta-afflicted ones to sleep off their irresistible and seemingly life-long spell.

It is urged that all the live business men of Laredo who can possibly do so at the meeting this afternoon and lend their influence and support to the making of a celebration this year that will outclass anything of the kind ever held in this city before.

Leaks! Leaks!

Have your leaky roofs repaired and painted with Womack's IXL roof paint. Guaranteed to stop all leaks. Capt. Womack is here from San Antonio and will look after the work. You can get him at Phone 260.

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MILITARY HIGHWAY MEETING.

Annual Meeting of Organization to Be Held in San Antonio on Call of President.

Notice is hereby given to all directors and members of the Military Highway Association, as well as those interested in this great project, that the annual meeting of this organization will be held at San Antonio, Texas, January 26th, 1916. Your presence is therefore respectfully and urgently requested by virtue of the election of new officers and directors and the consummation of specific plans for a vigorous campaign in behalf of the nation's most needed defensive plans, that of a Military Highway along the Mexican Border.

MASON MANN, President.

S. A. PIPES, Secretary.

Notice to Tax-Payers.

My office in the County Court house is now open for the reception of assessments for the year 1916 and property owners will please call and render same as early as possible. Hours: 8 a. m. to 12, and from 1 to 5 p. m.

B. J. LEYENDECKER,

County Assessor of Taxes.

1-3-1m.

WONDERING WHY THEY DID IT.

Mexican Authorities, in Trying Retaliation, Fooled Themselves and Lost Chance to Make Coin.

The authorities of Nuevo Laredo are still wondering why they tried to practice retaliation on the Americans by closing the bridge, when the Americans would not pay any attention to the act. They intended to reciprocate for what the Americans did in thwarting their efforts to pull off the bull-fight, but they did not appreciate the manner in which the Laredo authorities ignored them.

By keeping the bridge on the Mexican side closed Sunday night the authorities of Nuevo Laredo prevented the sale of a lot of their celebrated refreshments made of mezel and rope (the latter to imitate ixtle) and therefore they were deprived of a chance to put coin in circulation.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Most Effective.

"I have taken a great many bottles of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and every time it has cured me. I have found it most effective for a hacking cough and for colds. After taking it a cough always disappears," writes J. R. Moore, Lost Valley, Ga. Obtainable everywhere.

BURGLAR ENTERED OFFICE

Stole Typewriter and Broke Another and Left it on Floor; Other Machine Recovered Distance Away.

Sometime during last night a burglar or burglars effected an entrance into the office of the Laredo Water Co. on Ilurbide street by entering through the front door transom.

The burglars evidently did not attempt to rob the safe or anything else in the office, and only tried to make away with two Remington typewriters. One of the machines they dropped on the floor and badly damaged, and this they left where it fell. They took another machine from the office through the transom, but in their flight they dropped the typewriter at a place on Grant street several blocks away, where it was found by a policeman later. There is no clue as to who the intruders were.

LITTLE LOCALS

—The regular semi-monthly meeting of the city council will be held this evening and some important business may come up for consideration.

—Are you going to San Ignacio or Zapata? Take that Auto Mail and Passenger Service. Leaves Laredo at 8 a. m. and returns by 6:30 p. m. every day except Sunday. Passengers are taken for any intermediate points. Fare 50 a mile, minimum 50c. For any information call at Dodder Store. Extra for baggage. 12-29-1m

—So far the new automobile ordinances have worked like a charm, despite the fact that the usual number of chronic kickers that materialize whenever there is anything new have appeared. But the new laws are on the books and penalties provided for violation, and the kickers can take their alternative. One effect of the ordinance is the fact that no child under 18 years of age can drive a car and hazard the lives of pedestrians.

—Large assortment dolls and toys at lowest prices. Saft's. 12-17-tf.

—Two of the members of the customhouse force in this city, Messrs. Thomas and Baird, have passed examinations and will later be transferred to the immigration service. With the transfer both gentlemen will be given positions with the immigration service in other parts of the country.

—Deer, coyote, wild cat and javelin mounted true to life. Skins tanned and made into rugs. By W. R. Muter, 1215 Lincoln street. 12-8-1m.

—The work of replacing the old track of the street railway with heavier rails and new ties is under way from the I. & G. N. station eastward along Farragut street. As soon as the present wet spell is past work of relaying and diverting the track along the new route will be rushed.

—St. Paul Hotel, new management. Rooms with or without private bath. Rates on application. Mrs. J. W. Earnest. Phone 782. 11-6-tf.

—The news that a big gasser has been brought in and will be connected to the mains through which the aeriform fluid is furnished to Laredo is joyous news to patrons in this city. Many a good man has fallen from grace on account of that gas deficiency, but with improved conditions his soul may be redeemed from perdition.

—Teacher of English, Spanish and Gregg Shorthand, evening lessons only. Apply Will W. Gregg, Times office. 10-11-tf.

—The new year has started off most propitiously in Laredo and all the merchants are wearing smiles over the promising prospects. With a monster onion crop and a good market in the early summertime, and the inflowing of the glittering shekels, prosperity will predominate this section and everyone will have a plenteous supply of spondulices.

—W. R. Muter, taxidmist, 1215 Lincoln street. 11-9-tf.

—After a rain Laredo people have a time navigating the streets. But the folks with the ordinary duds on have no cause for complaint; with the tight skirt see the poor girl with the tight skirt trying to "skip the gutter"—she invariably gets caught halfway and puts that shapely little foot down in a big mud puddle.

—Eastern Hair Dressing Shop, 1210 Lincoln street. Phone \$89 for appointment. 9-23-tf.

—The city council has passed a number of good ordinances regulating automobiles. Now if they would take some action to eliminate those 999 hacks from the south side of the city hall, spread some disinfectant there and get rid of the stench they would put another plume in their helmet. And then, too, that would be helping along the hygienic regulations.

—For self starter work see Yeary at the Citizens Garage. 6-25-tf.

—The importations through this port today from Mexico consisted of eight carloads of ixtle and three carloads of miscellaneous articles.

—Will W. Gregg, Notary Public, at Times office. 6-5-tf (Adv.)

—The total rainfall here yesterday afternoon, according to the report made by the Fort McIntosh observatory, aggregated 1.10 inches.

—Do you desire comfort? Use electric lights and fans. 4-24-tf. (Adv.)

FOR THE HOLIDAYS

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LITTLE LOCALS

—All members of the fire department are urged to attend the regular monthly meeting of the organization to be held tomorrow night. Business of great importance comes up for consideration and action.

—Are you going to San Ignacio or Zapata? Take that Auto Mail and Passenger Service. Leaves Laredo at 8 a. m. and returns by 6:30 p. m. every day except Sunday. Passengers are taken for any intermediate points. Fare 5c a mile, minimum 50c. For any information call at Dodder Street. Extra for baggage. 12-29-1m

—Laredo is going to celebrate the Washington's Birthday Anniversary next month with a program replete with interesting features and including the old-time festivities that were provided in Nuevo Laredo. At the meeting yesterday all present were in favor of the celebration.

—Large assortment dolls and toys at lowest prices. Saft's. 12-17-tf

—C. W. Tate is the proud father of a bouncing baby girl who arrived yesterday to make her home with the fond parents. 12-29-1m

—Deer, coyote, wild cat and javelin mounted true to life. Skins tanned and made into rugs. By W. R. Muter, 1215 Lincoln street. 12-8-tf

—Tomorrow being the feast of the Epiphany, there will be a celebration of Holy Communion at Christ Church at 7:30 a. m. All are urged to attend.

—St. Paul Hotel, new management, rooms with or without private bath. Rates on application. Mrs. J. W. Earnest. Phone 782. 11-6-tf

—Yesterday and today were pay-days with the soldiers stationed at Fort McIntosh and in the Ninth Infantry Camp. Last night some of the boys were "flush" with spoudiules and today the others have lots of the glittering stuff.

—Teacher of English, Spanish and Gregg Shorthand, evening lessons only. Apply Will W. Gregg, Times office. 10-11-tf.

—Twelve carloads of steel billets, shipped from Monterrey through the United States to London en route to Italy, passed through here today on their way to New York, where they will be loaded on a steamer. This is evidently for use by the "spaghettis" in shooting up the "sauer krautens." And Sherman said "war is" well.

—W. R. Muter, taxidermist, 1215 Lincoln street. 11-9-tf

—Eastern Hair Dressing Shop, 1210 Lincoln street. Phone 889 for appointment. 9-23-tf

—Deputy U. S. Marshal Allen Walker was in San Antonio yesterday, where he went with a San Antonio druggist who was arrested here recently on a charge of violation of the federal narcotic laws, and who is charged with smuggling narcotics into this country. At the time of the arrest of the man the Times contained all the details of the case.

—For self starter work see Yearly at the Citizens Garage. 6-25-tf.

—Will W. Gregg, Notary Public, at Times office. 6-5-tf (Adv.)

—According to information brought here by some Americans arriving from Mexico City the last few days, the typhus fever condition is "some" what improved and there are only a few thousand cases there, with not more than 300 new cases daily." Otherwise the hygienic conditions of Mexico City are alright.

—Do you desire comfort? Use electric lights and fans. 4-24-tf. (Adv.)

—If it is neat and accurate job printing that you want send your orders to The Times job department. Expert workmanship and the best of materials. 1-9-tf

NAVY KEEPS IN TRAINING.

Washington, Jan. 5.—The vessels of the Atlantic fleet have left their home yards, following the holiday rest, and will sail for Guantanamo, Cuba, tomorrow, for the winter and spring maneuvers. The fleet will engage in maneuvers on its way down the coast. The vessels have been overhauled at the navy yards, and are spick and span. A strenuous campaign is before them, for the maneuvers will keep the officers and men in war training and the vessels in condition for quick service.

Rear Admiral H. R. Sanford, chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks, will probably be the first witness called today by the House Naval Affairs Committee, in opening its hearings on the naval appropriation bill. Admiral Sanford's term expires in ten days, and the committee is anxious to get his views on the coming legislation rather than to call a new incumbent of the office.

Whether Norfolk or Philadelphia will get the new \$3,500,000 dry dock which the navy seeks is a subject of much agitation in Congress. The Navy Department has recommended the Norfolk placement, but the Philadelphia delegation in Congress is urging a similar project at the League Island yard.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATORS IN ATLANTA.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 5.—Many of the leaders in religious education in the United States are guests of the Gammon Theological Seminary, where tomorrow Rev. Philip M. Watters, D. D., will be inaugurated as President. The services of inauguration will be held in the morning, and in the afternoon the Gammon refectory at the seminary will be dedicated. The institution is maintained by the Methodist Episcopal Church. Dr. Watters has been here about a year, coming from New York, where he was pastor of the Washington Square Methodist Episcopal Church.

SOCIETY

Mrs. Violet S. Oberfeldt
Editor Phone 70

SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Wednesday.
Christ Church Parish Guild will meet with Mrs. B. F. Wright at three o'clock in the afternoon.

Methodist Woman's Missionary Society will hold a business meeting at the church at four o'clock in the afternoon.

The Girl's Social Guild will meet with Etta Thalsen at fifteen minutes after four o'clock in the afternoon.

The Heights Civic Club meet with Mrs. M. P. Cullinan at half after three o'clock in the afternoon.

Thursday.
The Married Ladies Social Club will be entertained by Mrs. Agnes Huberich at three o'clock in the afternoon.

The Girl's Thursday Bridge Club will be entertained by Miss Alice Denike at fifteen minutes after four o'clock in the afternoon.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Baptist Church meets with Mrs. Trout at three o'clock in the afternoon.

True-Love.
If it be not wholly true,
Find some lighter name for Love.
Would you have my faith in you
Still endure, the long years through?

Promise naught that's not my due,
Lest you forge your chains thereof.
If it be not wholly true,
Find some lighter name for Love.

General Mention.
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Galbraith came in Sunday from Mariana, Arkansas, and will spend several days in Laredo. They are stopping at the Bender Hotel.

Miss Mae Jordan who has been the guest for the holidays of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Martin, returned to Encinal yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Salisbury returned this morning to Monterrey, Mexico, after a short stay in the city.

Miss Joe Gray has returned from a visit to Dallas and will be with Mrs. Jos. Vidales the remainder of the winter.

Mrs. H. W. Johnston and little son returned the first part of the week from San Antonio where they went to spend the holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Johnson are spending a few days in San Antonio.

Wedding Invitation.
The following wedding invitation was received in Laredo today: "Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Anderson invite you to be present at the marriage of their daughter, Suda Alice, to Mr. Thomas Gilbert Atlee, Wednesday noon, the nineteenth of January, nineteen hundred and sixteen at the First Methodist Church, Crandall, Texas. At home after February the first, Austin, Texas."

Club Notes.
The Christ Church Junior Auxiliary held a very interesting meeting yesterday at the rectory under the direction of Mrs. Charles Cook. The subject of the missionary lesson was Africa, a number of pictures relating to the customs of the people being shown to the children, also the picture of the Bishop of Africa, who enjoys the distinction of being the only negro bishop in the entire Episcopal church.

The story of Bishop Hannington of England, who was killed in 1880 in Africa by an African chief, was also told the children. Those present were: Emilie Halse, Anna May Mussett, Marjorie Fish, Ethel and Anita Laue, Elizabeth Ny, Katherine and Gretchen Woods, Mary and Ralph Cook.

Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church met yesterday afternoon with Mrs. R. McCulloch on the Heights. After the business session a social hour was enjoyed and delicious sandwiches, tea and cake were served to the following: Mesdames Lattig, Pratt, Winch, Sutton, Earnest, Austin, Clark, Wharton, Hopkins, McCulloch, and Mrs. Hensard, who is a guest of Mrs. L. W. Wharton.

Ladies Night at Fort McIntosh.
A most delightful evening was enjoyed at the Ninth Infantry Club on Tuesday, the Ninth Infantry band playing throughout the evening. A number of vocal solos were given by Misses Mary Sames, Myrtle Mackin and others and the pleasant informality of the evening made it altogether enjoyable. Dancing and cards furnished amusement for all and cake and ices were served. Those present were: Colonel and Mrs. R. A. Brown, Captain and Mrs. Reuben Smith, Captain and Mrs. Rucker, Lieutenant and Mrs. Galagher, Lieutenant and Mrs. Drane, Lieutenant and Mrs. Moore; Misses Mary Sames, Eloise Lane of Lane City, Myrtle Mackin, Edna Brown, Alice Gray, Kathleen Coulter of San Antonio, Carlissa Ryan; Lieutenants Tucker, Gilbreath, Hornsby Evans, Coulter, Cronin, Stevens, Woodruff, Messrs. Prinz Buttrick, Robert Ennis, Asher Smith, and others.

The Habit of Taking Cold.
With many people taking cold is a habit, but fortunately one that is easily broken. Take a cold sponge bath every morning when you first get out of bed—not ice cold, but a temperature of about 90 degs. F. Also sleep with your window up. Do this and you will seldom take cold. When you do take cold take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and get rid of it as quickly as possible. Obtainable everywhere.

PERSONALS

O. Pratt of Encinal is in the city.
Wm. Schultz, the seed man, is in the city on one of his regular visits.

Mrs. M. F. Elitt returned yesterday from a short business trip to San Antonio.

D. D. Davis of Dolores spent last night in the city and returned home this morning.

Robert H. Kilsby returned yesterday afternoon from Alice, where he had gone on a visit to his parents. Mrs. Kilsby remained in Alice for a few days to visit relatives.

Mr. S. W. Reily, until recently auditor of the Madera, Chih., plant of the Madera Company, Ltd., has arrived to assume charge of the accounting in the office of Mr. E. Denike. Mr. and Mrs. Reily will make their home for the present at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Seymour.

ROSS—Susano Garcia and wife, J. D. Noriega, San Antonio; Eliseo del Valle, Antonio Castro, Monterey; H. B. Gerke, A. F. Hiatt, San Antonio; Mrs. Kerr and family, Los Angeles, Cal.; R. S. Gonzales, San Antonio; M. E. Davila, Saltillo.

HAMILTON—A. Samson, Monterey; J. R. Myers, Chas. Baxter, M. E. Ish, A. M. Gillespie, J. A. Graham, J. M. Krakauer, F. C. Solis, F. R. Gomez, F. T. Holliday, J. A. Kelly, J. M. Oliver, P. M. Saners, San Antonio; D. D. Davis, Dolores; M. A. Straughan, M. C. Stranghan, San Antonio; Mrs. B. V. Samuel, C. C. Branch, Greenville; A. E. Nations, Ernest L. Anderson, San Antonio.

BENDER—E. F. Fitzpatrick, St. Louis, Mo.; V. I. Saffro, Louisville, Ky.; William L. Dunne, Toledo; M. S. Ayan, E. Dean Fuller, New York; J. E. Cappelman, D. Huggins, San Antonio; Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Cullum, Houston; T. H. Eskridge, Chicago, Ill.; J. F. Harriman, Corpus Christi; G. S. James, San Antonio; Patrick O'Hara, Mexico City; Paul Dillon, Philip Dillon, St. Louis, Mo.; Harry Brosloski, Los Angeles, Cal.; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Mayfield, New Orleans, La.; P. E. Northrup, San Antonio; A. E. Hargrove, J. R. St. John, Dallas.

TO STANDARDIZE AUTO LICENSE PLATES.
New York, Jan. 5.—When the Society of Automobile Engineers meets here today, a standard automobile license plate will be adopted as a resolution of the present difficulties affecting the markers. The engineers will recommend that the various states adopt the uniform size and style of plate.

Many different sizes of license plates are now used, while of the many sizes and styles of lettering employed, some are easily readable under ordinary conditions while others are virtually illegible, even under favorable circumstances. From its investigations, lasting nearly two years, the engineers' society finds no practical reason for the existence of any material difference in the license plates of the various States, save such distinguishing marks as may be necessary for State identification and the year of issue.

For Rheumatism.
As soon as an attack of Rheumatism begins apply Sloan's Liniment. Don't waste time and suffer unnecessary agony. A few drops of Sloan's Liniment on the affected parts is all you need. The pain goes at once.

A grateful sufferer writes:—"I was suffering for three weeks with Chronic Rheumatism and Stiff Neck, although I tried many medicines, they failed, and I was under the care of a doctor. Fortunately I heard of Sloan's Liniment and after using it three or four days am up and well. I am employed at the biggest department store in S. F. where they employ from six to eight hundred hands, and they surely will hear all about Sloan's Liniment."—H. B. Smith, San Francisco, Cal.—Jan. 1915." At all Druggists.

Two Dogs.
One wears a dainty collar
And a fine engraved crest
And cuddles in milady's lap
In uninterrupted rest

The other's life is quite apart—
That's Tommy's little Cur—
He struts it with the kiddies' gang
A gay philosopher.

Of course I've never been a dog
And can't tell which is best;
But if I were a dog, you bet,
I'd never wear a crest.

I'd rather rourch it with the gang
And have a lot of fun;
No woman's lap would I prefer
When Tommy gets his gun.

Shareholders Meeting.
The regular annual meeting of the shareholders of the First State Bank & Trust Co. of Laredo, Texas, for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may legally come before it, will be held at the banking rooms of said association, January 11, 1916, at 3 o'clock p. m.

R. K. MIMS
Secretary.

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WILL ASK FOR BOND ISSUE

City School Board Appoints Committee to Prepare Resolution to Be Presented to City Council.

At their regular monthly meeting held yesterday afternoon the board of trustees of the Laredo Independent School District transacted routine business and also appointed a committee to prepare a resolution to the city council of Laredo petitioning that body to call a special election at which the voters can determine whether or not bonds to the amount of \$80,000 be voted to build a modern high school and two ward schools.

The petition will be presented to the city council at its regular meeting two weeks hence, and in all probability the city fathers will acquiesce to the request of the school board and submit the proposition to the qualified voters of Laredo. Present school facilities here are inadequate to the demands made on them, and Laredo people are no doubt fully aware of the fact. And then, too, it is time that Laredo be getting rid of that old Noah's Ark used as a high school and put up a modern structure to be called "the Laredo High School."

TO PRODUCE "CABIRIA" HERE
Wonderful Masterpiece, Set to Action on the Screen, Will Be Shown at Strand Tomorrow Night.

Tomorrow night at the Strand Theatre there will be shown one of the greatest film productions of the day, a twelve-reel masterpiece, entitled "Cabiria," the product of the great playwright, Gabriel D'Annunzio, and which is a dramatization of the book story of the same name.

Like the two great plays of the day, "The Birth of a Nation," and "The Birth of Texas," the play at the Strand tomorrow night is a master production having a cast of thousands of people and the gorgeous and spectacular event cost the immense sum of \$300,000 to produce. The stage settings, the costumes and the every appointment and accessory of the massive production proclaim it one of the most expensive and spectacular plays ever put on the movie stage.

To make the play what it should be and is, the most expert photography is essential and a genius in the art had charge of the work in "Cabiria." Go to the Strand tomorrow night and witness and enjoy this great drama.

DEATH OF HARLEY D. BURKE
Was Well Known in Laredo, Where Years Ago He Was Employed on the National Lines of Mexico.

News was received by relatives in Laredo yesterday of the death in San Antonio of Harley D. Burke, a man who was well known here, and who a number of years ago was one of the most popular railroad men making headquarters in this city. But some years ago he quit railroad and since then—well, he has made his home in other places.

The only details of his death received here were to the effect that he had died in a hospital in San Antonio, where for the past year he had been in an inmate suffering with that incurable malady that eventually carries all its victims to the grave—Harley died of the great white plague, more familiarly known as tuberculosis. He leaves a number of relatives in Laredo, Corpus Christi and San Diego.

Bad Habits.
Those who breakfast at eight o'clock or later, lunch at twelve and have dinner at six are almost certain to be troubled with indigestion. They do not allow time for one meal to digest before taking another. Not less than five hours should elapse between meals. If you are troubled with indigestion correct your habits and take Chamberlain's Tablets, and you may reasonably hope for a quick recovery. These tablets strengthen the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. Obtainable everywhere.

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Thursday, January 6, is the feast called "The Epiphany, or the Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles." This festival is closely associated with Christmas on the same day in the Far Eastern churches. The root word in the Greek language means to "shine out" or "to show forth." Thus the Christian church has brought over into the Western world the entire beautiful word to signify the showing forth of Christ to the Gentiles. In the Greek church the candles mean very much at this time, for it is the day to baptize those coming into the family of God and numerous lights figure the illumination which Christ gives to men. Who does not know the old, old story of the "Wise Men"? Who does not answer up to the voice of the spirit of giving at this season? In England the sovereign attends the chapel royal of St. James on this festival, kneels down before the altar and presents humbly gold, frankincense and myrrh.

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Asked Who Did It.
Berlin, Jan. 5.—Ambassador Gerard today conferred with the foreign office on the submarine sinking of the Persia, inquiring about the nationality of the craft that torpedoed the vessel.

No Additional Facts.
Washington, Jan. 5.—President Wilson and Secretary Lansing conferred for an hour today over the submarine crisis. No additional facts, beyond the definite knowledge that only two Americans were aboard the Persia, were received by the state department. No action will be taken until fuller advices are received.

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British Casualties Heavily.
London, Jan. 5.—The British casualties in the battle of Loos, France, from September 25 to October 8 were 2,300 officers and 57,000 men, according to an announcement in the house of commons today.

General War Notes.
London, Jan. 5.—The Russians are making desperate onslaughts on the Austrians before Czernowitz and are advancing. Berlin reports only mining and artillery engagements on the Franco-Belgian front. The Greek government has protested to the Entente allies' arrest of Greek subjects at Saloniki, demanding their release. A French official says that Bulgarian detachments are pillaging Greek frontier villages.

RECALL ELECTION IN ATLANTA.
Atlanta, Jan. 5.—A special election to decide whether or not Mayor James G. Woodward and four members of the police commission will be recalled, under the provisions of the city charter, is being held today. The election ends a long controversy between two factions, and the voters will decide the issue. The recall agitation arose over the commission's action in reducing James L. Beavers, chief of police, to a captaincy. Mayor Woodward, ex-officio member of the commission, A. R. King, James W. English, R. C. Clark, R. T. Pace and W. P. Fain, all members of the police commission were named in a petition for recall signed by over 3,000 citizens. The petition for the recall of Edwin F. Johnson, another member of the commission, who also voted against Beavers, was nineteen names short of the required number for recall purposes.

When the city council ordered the recall election, at its meeting on Dec. 10, Mayor Woodward promptly vetoed it, and a lively fight was in the air as to what effect such veto had upon the measure. The opponents of the recall threatened to hold up the special election, but it was decided to let the voters have their say.

NOT MUCH RISK.
First Trawler Skipper—Are ye takin' any precautions against these submarines, Jack?
Second Skipper—Ay! Although I've aye been in the habit o' carryin' my life o' hawbees wi' me, I went an' bankit them this mornin', an' I'm no takin' ma best oiksins or ma new sea-boots.

First Skipper—Oh, you're a' richt, then. Ye'll hae practically naethin' tae lose but your life.—London Punch.

To Cure Children's Colds.
Keep child dry, clothed comfortably, avoid exposure and give Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. It is pleasant, soothing, antiseptic, raises phlegm and reduces inflammation. The first dose gives relief, continued treatment with proper care will avoid serious illness or a long cold. Don't delay treatment. Don't let your child suffer. Get a bottle to-day. Insist on Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. 25c. at Druggists.

NEW INSURRECTION BROKE OUT IN HAITI

INSURGENTS ATTACKED AMERICAN MARINES BUT WERE DRIVEN OFF WITH ONE MAN KILLED.

By Associated Press.
Port au Prince, Haiti, Jan. 5.—Insurrectos in a fresh revolutionary outbreak early this morning attacked American marines, but were repelled with one native killed. There were no American casualties.

GOV. FERGUSON DEFENDANT.
By Associated Press.
Houston, Jan. 5.—Governor Ferguson and 39 others are defendants in a suit on trial today for oil lands worth millions of dollars in the Humble oil field. Heirs of the owner forty years ago allege misrepresentations in signing the deed.

From Thursday's Daily.

A DIRTY ATTACK.

With its usual attempt to show ulterior motives for every official act of the authorities—municipal, state and federal—in Laredo, the Mexican daily published here carries one of the dirtiest attacks on an official in its issue of this morning that has ever appeared, even in its columns.

Discussing the recent quarantine imposed for two days to prevent possible contagion of Americans by attendance at an advertised bullfight in Nuevo Laredo, the Mexican paper says:

"Having had recourse to various sources of information in Nuevo Laredo, we are informed by all that there has not been in that city a single case of typhus or any other contagious disease, and therefore the quarantine is explained, according to our informants, solely because one of the employees of the health department in Laredo is a personal enemy of the manaker of the bullfight."

The Mexican writer goes on to say: "We do not believe this version, as that would signify that the public would have to suffer the consequences of personal grudges and see its business paralyzed for the satisfaction of revenge on the part of persons who have no other duty than that of serving those who pay them, that is, the public."

The quarantine was established because several cases of contagious disease had been transmitted by persons coming from Nuevo Laredo to this side. There are cases of contagious disease in Nuevo Laredo, and this is proved by the investigation of our health authorities, municipal, state and federal. But the fact of contagion in Nuevo Laredo was not the reason for closing the bridge.

A widely advertised bullfight, as all are aware, brings in hundreds of people to Nuevo Laredo. Many of these come from small towns and scattered hamlets where there is no attempt at sanitation, and where contagious diseases of the most serious character could exist without anyone but the victims being aware of it.

The bull fight was advertised in Laredo papers, as well as in San Antonio and Corpus Christi, and excursions were announced for the occasion, with the expectation on the part of the management that it would draw large crowds of Americans.

The state and federal health officials were convinced from what they knew of the sanitary conditions in Mexico that it would be a menace to this state and country to permit a large number of Americans to cross the river and mingle with the promiscuous crowds that always attend a bullfight, so they promptly closed the bridge.

As to personal enmity on the part of any of the health officers for the management of the bullfight, it is so absurd as to require no denial. Our officials do not act because of personal feelings or grudges, for they would be subject to severe penalties for such a violation of their oath of office.

General Alfredo Ricaut sent an official message to Gen. Reynaldo de la Garza, now in command at Nuevo Laredo, directing him to take such measures as might be necessary to prevent any spread of contagion, asking him at the same time to facilitate commerce as much as possible, and to do all in his power to have his sanitary officials work in harmony with those of this state.

The Mexican paper, its apparent desire to stir up ill-feeling between the people of the two cities, goes too far, and it may have to prove some of the assertions it makes, or take the consequences.

There is a libel law in this state which takes cognizance of wilful misrepresentations of facts, as well as providing penalties for mischievous insinuations, and the statement that "we are mere informants and as such it is our duty to gather all the information that might explain an act of importance, as was the uncalled for quarantine established in Laredo," does not relieve the writer or the publisher from responsibility for such a serious charge, without basis in fact.

A PLAIN CASE.

Taking the statements of the survivors of the Persia, all of whom agree in every particular, the sinking of that vessel by a submarine is so plain a case of pure savagery that there is no defense for it possible.

According to the statements, most of the passengers were at lunch when the vessel was torpedoed without warning. Only a part of those who immediately left the saloon to go on deck were saved, some of them losing their footing on the tilting deck and being swept into the sea.

Mothers who went below when their own safety seemed assured to get their babies were never seen again. Only two babies out of all the number aboard were saved, and those only because their mothers rushed on deck

with them at the sound of the explosion.

So rapidly did the vessel sink that before the crew could reach the starboard boats the vessel was so inclined that the boats could not be lowered.

Then for thirty hours the survivors suffered from the terrible cold in the boats which were making their way to a traveled path of steamers before they were picked up.

The only thing that prevents our government from making a direct charge of duplicity against Austria is the positive certainty of the nationality of the submarine that sank the Persia and then went on and left the victims struggling in the water, without any attempt to aid those who might have been saved.

Austria has pretended to be actuated by a desire to retain our friendship, and has promised reparation (?) for the victims of the Ancona and other ships deliberately sunk by her submarines, as well as promising that no further outrages of the kind should be perpetrated by her naval forces.

But if Austrian sailors were the men who sunk the Persia without warning and simply because she flew the British flag, then our government has reason to call Austria to account, not only for killing Americans aboard the vessel, but for deliberate attempts to play us false.

That the submarine which sank the Persia was Austrian—or at least under the Austrian flag—cannot be doubted. There are no German submarines in that section of the Mediterranean, unless they be those lent to the Austrian navy.

The act of the submarine commander in sinking the vessel without warning cannot be justified by any rule of international law or by any law of warfare. There can be no doubt that no opportunity was given the unfortunate passengers to get away before the fatal torpedo was fired, nor that the inhuman monster left the struggling victims in the water without an attempt to save them.

Even had there been no Americans aboard the vessel it would have been our duty to protest in the name of humanity against such a vile deed. But the fact that there were at least two Americans aboard, and that one of them is missing, gives us every right to demand redress from the guilty nation, whichever it may be.

The repeated statements that the majority of Americans are opposed to the Teutonic cause would seem to be justified by the wave of indignation which has risen all over our country. But who could help being opposed to a cause which depends for its success upon the deliberate, willful murder of innocent women and children? It is fortunate for our president that he does not have to take the entire responsibility for the action of this government upon himself just now. Congress is in session, and as soon as the full facts in the case are available, there is little doubt that congress will take such action as will prevent future occurrences of the sort, or at least will hold the perpetrator to strict account thereafter.

Meanwhile, it is certain that no nation using such methods of warfare can succeed, or having succeeded for the moment, can long continue to meet with success through such vile disregard for humanity.

The British losses have been heavy during the recent fighting. To the battles at Loos during ten days they lost 2,300 officers and 57,000 men. The three millions recruited by Lord Derby's campaign will be welcome without a doubt before the war is ended.

It may be a "sop to Cerberus," or it may be in recognition of the eager recruits of the Emerald Isle, but the fact is that Ireland is exempt from the provisions of the compulsory service act. Few Irishmen need to be forced to fight.

The yeggmen who have been terrorizing Oklahoma seem to be moving southward, the latest postoffice robbery being at Rio Vista, near Cleburne. But they will hardly come to Laredo, as there is little chance for escape save across the border, and the Mexican authorities are too severe in their methods.

Another attempt at suicide in St. Peter's at Rome caused blood to be spilt, and the sacred edifice cannot be used again until it is reconsecrated. This is but one of many attempts at suicide there, the famous church being almost as popular for that purpose as the Brooklyn bridge.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Most Effective.

"I have taken a great many bottles of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and every time it has cured me. I have found it most effective for a hacking cough and for colds. After taking it a cough always disappears," writes J. R. Moore, Lost Valley, Ga. Obtainable everywhere.

Watch THE TIMES everyday for opportunities. 50c. per month.

You Need a Tonic

There are times in every woman's life when she needs a tonic to help her over the hard places. When that time comes to you, you know what tonic to take—Cardui, the woman's tonic. Cardui is composed of purely vegetable ingredients, which act gently, yet surely, on the weakened womanly organs, and helps build them back to strength and health. It has benefited thousands and thousands of weak, ailing women in its past half century of wonderful success, and it will do the same for you.

You can't make a mistake in taking

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

Miss Amelia Wilson, R. F. D. No. 4, Alma, Ark., says: "I think Cardui is the greatest medicine on earth, for women. Before I began to take Cardui, I was so weak and nervous, and had such awful dizzy spells and a poor appetite. Now I feel as well and as strong as I ever did, and can eat most anything." Begin taking Cardui today. Sold by all dealers.

Has Helped Thousands.

THIS IS MY 60th BIRTHDAY

GENERAL SIR LESLIE RUNDLE.

General Sir Leslie Rundle, who is commanding British troops in France, and has fought in many campaigns during the past forty years, is 60 years old today. He distinguished himself against the Zulus, in Egypt, in the Sudan, and in South Africa. Among military men Rundle is called a grim, unsentimental campaigner. He has served so long with Kitchener that he has many characteristics of his former chief. Sir Leslie was Governor of Malta when Kitchener sent for him to take the field in defense of the sea-coast of France and Belgium. He was placed in command of the Fifth Army a year ago. General Rundle was born at Newton Abbot, in Devon, on Jan. 6, 1856, the son of a British naval captain and the grandson of a naval commander. He chose the military academy instead of the naval and entered the artillery. He was decorated for his services in Egypt and Sudan, and was made a general in 1909, when he was sent to Malta.

Ragged wounds are painful and cause much annoyance. If not kept clean they fester and become running sores. BALLARD'S SNOW LINIMENT is an antiseptic healing remedy for such cases. Apply it at night before going to bed and cover with a cotton cloth bandage. It heals in a few days. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

WIDOW GOES 9,000 MILES TO MARRY JUDGE.

St. Louis, Jan. 6.—Mrs. Etta May Marlatt, widow of a St. Louis lawyer, will depart on Saturday on a 9,000 mile trip to Manila, where she will become the bride of Federal Judge Dan R. Williams, former secretary of the Philippine Commission under President Roosevelt.

Mrs. Marlatt, who is young and attractive, met Judge Williams last summer while on a visit to the Pacific Coast. They had known each other for years, and her first husband had been a close friend of the Philippine judge. With a party of friends, the couple toured the Expositions, and their engagement was announced. The judge was unable to get another leave of absence from his duties, so the widow decided to make the trip to Manila. Mrs. Marlatt is the daughter of Thomas Sanderson, a retired farmer, who lived at Poynette, Wis., and later moved to St. Louis. She is 40 years old and has no children. Her husband died some three years ago.

SHE DRANK NITRIC ACID

Young Lady of This City Imbued a Quantity of Dangerous Drug, But May Recover From Effects.

Miss Guadalupe Lozano, a young lady about 18 years, is quite ill at her home as a result of having drunk a quantity of nitric acid at her home on Tuesday night.

Whether or not the act was intentional or accidental is a matter of conjecture, but at last reports received from the home on Iturbide street this morning she was reported as improving and there were chances of recovery.

The liver loses its activity at times and needs help. HERBINE is an effective liver stimulant. It also purifies the bowels, strengthens digestion and restores strength, vigor and cheerful spirits. Price 50c. Sold by all druggists.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

JANUARY 6

1402—Birth of Joan of Arc, world's greatest woman warrior; burnt at the stake as a witch at Rouen in 1431.

1632—Lorraine became a French province, by treaty.

1759—Marriage of George Washington and Mrs. Martha Custis.

1842—Massacre of British army in Khyber Pass; 4,000 soldiers and 10,000 camp followers were slaughtered.

1857—Free State Legislature in Kansas was dispersed by Federal troops.

1893—Completion of the Great Northern Railway extension to the Pacific Coast.

1913—Supreme Court held that the dissolution of the Union and Southern Pacific railroads must not be a mere form, but an accomplished fact.

1914—Sentence of 24 officials of iron workers union for conspiracy was confirmed by the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

1915—Pres. Wilson declined for sixth time to support federal constitutional amendment for woman suffrage.

1915—THE WAR: Russians annihilate one whole army corps of Turks. Austria claims capture of heights south lies repulse two attacks by Germans on Western front. Germans capture French trenches in the Argonne region.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 1 OF AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING ALL PERSONS, FIRMS AND CORPORATIONS OPERATING AN AUTOMOBILE FOR THEIR OWN USE IN THE CITY OF LAREDO, TO PAY AN ANNUAL LICENSE FEE, AND IMPOSING A PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO DO SO, PASSED NOVEMBER 16th, 1915, AND APPROVED NOVEMBER 17th, 1915, SO AS TO HEREAFTER READ AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. All persons, firms and corporations operating automobiles for their own private use on the streets and avenues of the City of Laredo, shall pay an annual license fee of \$3.50 for each automobile.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the 4th day of January, 1916.

Approved the 5th day of Jan., 1916.

ROBT. McCOMB, Mayor.

A. V. WOODMAN, Secretary.

A USEFUL TERM.

"Willie," said the teacher of the juvenile class, "what is the term 'etc.' used for?"

"It is used to make people believe that we know a lot more than we really do," replied the bright youngster.—Chicago News.

How to Cure Colds.

Avoid exposure and drafts. Eat right. Take Dr. King's New Discovery. It is prepared from Pine Tar, healing balsams and mild laxatives. Dr. King's New Discovery kills and expels the cold germs, soothes the irritated throat and allays inflammation. It heals the mucous membrane. Search as you will, you cannot find a better cough and cold remedy. Its use over 45 years is a guarantee of satisfaction.

GOT CARNIVAL CONTRACT; NOW AFTER ATTRACTIONS

CARNIVAL COMMITTEE OF CELEBRATION CLOSED THE DEAL

Mr. Pletz Made Bid for Carnival Concessions and Was Awarded the Contract to Furnish Features.

M. B. Pletz was yesterday afternoon awarded the contract by the carnival committee of the Washington Birthday Celebration association for the furnishing of the various carnival attractions which will be held here for about ten days in February, beginning a week before the celebration and enduring throughout and one day after the three days of fun and festivity being planned.

Mr. Pletz is the gentleman who did the artistic decoration work on the several floats provided by the celebration committee for the big street parade on the morning of February 22 last, and he will again work for the executive committee in a similar capacity this year, superintending float construction as well as supervising the carnival and its many attendant attractions.

Mr. Pletz is already at work on his proposition of providing numerous free and tented attractions during the carnival and it is his intention to give Laredo a list of varied attractions far superior to anything of the kind ever seen here before. To do this he must close contracts with traveling attractions now at a distance from here, and in order not to be hindered in the work at the last moment, he will enter into contracts with them for sale of concessions immediately.

Chairman Joseph Netzer of the executive committee of the celebration organization is now carefully studying a list of persons available to serve as committeemen, but he does not intend to impose any duties on anyone who will be a committeeman in name only and accomplish nothing in reality for the promotion of the celebration. Therefore Mr. Netzer will select his committees with due circumspection and will try to get persons to serve who will really do something else than sit up and look wise. It takes hard work, perseverance and persistency to accomplish difficult things—these are the kind of indefatigable workers that will comprise the celebration executive and sub-committees the coming celebration, headed by that worker of workers, Joseph Netzer.

Leaks! Leaks!

Have your leaky roofs repaired and painted with Womack's IXI roof paint. Guaranteed to stop all leaks. Capt. Womack is here from San Antonio and will look after the work. You can get him at Plaza Hotel or Phone 260.

JUDGMENT FOR PLAINTIFF.

Civil Suit on Trial in the District Court Yesterday Involved the Disposition of a House.

In the district court yesterday afternoon there came up for trial and disposition a civil suit in which was involved a family difference precipitated over a house, which had been sold by one of the children of a family to help defray funeral expenses of their parents.

The case was styled Secundino Hernandez et al vs. Enrique Carvajal, suit on division of property. After hearing the testimony submitted by both sides in the case Judge Mullally rendered a judgment in favor of the plaintiff.

LAREDO PEOPLE GET INSTANT ACTION.

Those who have used it in Laredo are astonished at the INSTANT action of simple buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as mixed in Adler-Ika. Because it acts on BOTH lower and upper bowel, ONE SPOONFUL Adler-Ika relieves almost ANY CASE constipation, sour stomach or gas. It removes such surprising foul matter that a few doses often relieve or prevent appendicitis. A short treatment helps chronic stomach trouble. The City Drug Co.

Notice to Masons.

There will be a called communication of Laredo Lodge No. 547, Friday January 7th, at 4 p. m. Work in M. M. degree. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

W. B. HEANER,

W. M.

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The Habit of Taking Cold.

With many people taking cold is a habit, but fortunately one that is easily broken. Take a cold sponge bath every morning when you first get out of bed—not ice cold, but a temperature of about 90 degs. F. Also sleep with your window up. Do this and you will seldom take cold. When you do take cold take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and get rid of it as quickly as possible. Obtainable everywhere.

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Man Wanted in Hebronville for Some Criminal Offense Jumped Off Train Here Into Arms of Mariscal.

On Tuesday afternoon City Marshal Brennan received a telegram from State Ranger Anders requesting him to arrest a man named Charles Clarks, who was aboard the incoming Texas-Mexican train and was wanted in Hebronville on certain charges which had been made against him.

The city marshal was on hand when the train rolled into the station here and instantly nabbed "Charley" and took him to apartments at the bastille. On yesterday a ranger arrived here and left for Hebronville, taking with him the man who had been arrested here. What Charley is wanted for was not earned.

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PUZZLED THE TEACHER.

They were speaking about the importance of punctuation the other afternoon when an appropriate story was told by Miss Theda Bara, the motion picture star.

Some time since, the teacher in a public school told the pupils to write a sentence on any subject and lay the papers on her desk. The first that the teacher took up for consideration was that of little Willie Jones.

"This is a warm doughnut. Step on it," read the teacher from the paper, with a puzzled expression. "What in the world are—"

"That ain't right, Miss Mary," hastily interrupted Willie. "You didn't read—"

"Well, then," said the teacher, handing him the paper: "suppose you read it."

"Yes, ma'am," humbly acquiesced Willie. "This is a worm. Do not step on it."—Philadelphia Telegraph.

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Bad Habits.

Those who breakfast at eight o'clock or later, lunch at twelve and have dinner at six are almost certain to be troubled with indigestion. They do not allow time for one meal to digest before taking another. Not less than five hours should elapse between meals. If you are troubled with indigestion correct your habits and take Chamberlain's Tablets, and you may reasonably hope for a quick recovery. These tablets strengthen the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. Obtainable everywhere.

The Terrible Grippe.

The usual winter epidemic of grippe is sweeping the country, and the disease seems to be more serious this season than usual. The list of fatalities in many of the northern cities from grippe has been unusually large. Let us not forget that the disease is spread by people who have it sneezing or coughing with uncovered mouths. If your acquaintances who are afflicted with grippe haven't sense enough or consideration enough for the general welfare to cover their mouths when they sneeze or cough, then avoid them. And above all things don't kiss a gripped patient, unless you would court the disease.—Brownsville Herald.

ELABORATE DEVICE TO DECEIVE ENEMY AVIATORS



This is probably the most elaborate deceptive device used by any of the belligerent armies. The French have posted a large number of their 220-centimeter mortars in woods and other places, where they are hidden from the enemy's "air eyes." In order to deceive the German aviators, the French have placed very clever fake guns around the real mortars. They are substantially built of wood and metal to look genuine, and uniformed figures are placed about to represent the gun squads. When an aviator appears overhead, soldiers a long way off pull strings to make the figures move. Smoke also comes out of the gun muzzle.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. A. Dirks of San Antonio are guests at the Hamilton.

E. A. Leighton of San Antonio is in the city on one of his regular visits and is stopping at the Hamilton.

H. C. Franks of San Antonio arrived in the city yesterday and is stopping at the Hamilton.

Juan N. Zamorano, former Mexican Consul under the Diaz regime arrived in the city this morning and expects to leave tomorrow for Monterey.

HAMILTON:—J. H. Larry, Dallas; Harry Michael, Los Angeles, Cal.; H. C. Franks, W. W. Grosser, E. J. Pratt, D. Healy, San Antonio; W. H. Gibson, Aguilares; Mr. and Mrs. A. Dirks, San Antonio; Mrs. U. E. Thomas, Mapimi, Mex.; M. W. Bahaan, Fort Worth; E. A. Leighton, San Antonio; J. P. Flynn, Cedros, Mex.

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WHITE HOUSE AGAIN IN SOCIAL GLORY.

Washington, Jan. 7.—The first social function at which the new mistress of the White House will appear officially as the "First Lady of the Land" is set for this evening, and the savants of the Western Hemisphere who are concluding a great conference in Washington will be the guests at the function which again opens the White House to social gaiety.

The White House is attractively decorated for the reception, and every detail has been arranged by an efficient force of connoisseurs. Mrs. Wilson has been spared as much as possible, and she is delighted with the setting.

Besides being the initial number on the White House calendar of social functions for the winter, the event tonight is the first "Pan-American reception" ever held in the Executive Mansion. It is known that President Wilson has taken great interest in the convening of the representatives of the republics of the Americas, and that it is a pleasure to him to have the first event of the social season one in which the other American nations will take part.

Those who know Mrs. Wilson best are predicting the greatest of social successes for her. She has a natural gracefulness and wit, with beauty and good taste. Her first bow in the White House will be followed next week by the Cabinet Dinner, which will bring together the ladies with whom she will most generally associate. She will be received with open arms by this "inner circle," and will then receive the diplomatic circles, the supreme court, congress and the high officers of the army and navy and their wives.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Webb.

By virtue of an Order of Sale, issued out of the District Court of Webb County, Texas, on the 6th day of January, A. D. 1916, in Cause No. 3770 wherein M. A. Hirsch is Plaintiff, and B. F. Walker and W. T. Hill are defendants, and to me directed and delivered, I have seized and levied upon, as under execution, and will proceed to sell at public auction, for cash, in front of the Court House door of said Webb County, Texas, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M., on the First Tuesday, the First Day of February, A. D. 1916, all of the following described tracts and parcels of land, located, situated and being in Webb County, Texas, viz:

Two certain tracts and parcels of land in said Webb County, to-wit: 640 acres known as Section Number 578, Certificate Number 1-310, Original Grantee B. S. & F.; also, 640 acres known as Section Number 862, Certificate Number 98, Original Grantee, Hooper and Wade, to satisfy a judgment in favor of the Plaintiff and against the defendants, in the sum of One Thousand, One Hundred and Seventy One Dollars and Nineteen Cents (\$1171.19), with interest thereon and costs.

Given Under My Hand, At Laredo, Texas, this sixth day of January, A. D. 1916.

ANTONIO SALINAS,
Sheriff, Webb County, Texas,
By M. G. BENAVIDES, Deputy.

A CLOCK MADE OF STRAW.

A clock made in Germany is constructed of nothing but straw. Not even a piece of stiffening cardboard or a drop of glue has been used. It is six feet high and is two feet square. There are eight pendulums which allow speed regulation. By pressing a button which comes out automatically on one side, the clockwork is wound up and runs for five hours. By pushing another button, the hands can be set. The dial, figures, pendulum, hands, even the chain, weight, gears and the skeleton are of straw. The chain is fourteen inches long and endless. In the construction of this clock, thousands of stalks of straw have been used, mostly three and four fold, to give greater strength.—Popular Science Monthly.

A PAIR OF THEM.

Howard Chandler Christy, illustrator, was walking down the street when he was overtaken by a dog that began to snap at his heels. Its mistress made no effort to call it off, so he turned and gave the dog an admonitory kick.

"Brute!" cried the woman, "to kick a little defenseless animal! That little creature is a pet and is not accustomed to such treatment."

"I beg your pardon, madam," replied Mr. Christy. "I did not mean to hurt your dog. But you should have called him off."

"He would not have hurt you," replied the woman in a pained tone. "He is a pet."

"I did not care to be bitten by him, nevertheless, madam," returned Mr. Christy. "I am somewhat of a favorite at home myself."—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

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SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Friday.

The Bishop Johnston Junior Auxiliary will meet at the rectory at four o'clock in the afternoon.

The B. Y. P. U. Jr. will hold a regular weekly meeting at four o'clock in the afternoon at the Baptist Church.

The Laredo Choral Club will hold its regular weekly meeting with Mrs. T. A. Austin at four o'clock in the afternoon.

Saturday.

There will be a called meeting of the Married Ladies Dancing Club at the Hamilton Hotel at ten o'clock in the morning.

The Busy Bees will meet with Miss Minerva G'Sell at three o'clock in the afternoon.

The J. U. G. Club will meet with Miss Eugenia Lafon at four o'clock in the afternoon.

Miss Esther Hirsch will entertain at bridge at half after three o'clock in the afternoon honoring Mrs. H. D. Schwartz of Hempstead.

Compensation.

I asked the lonely fisherman
If luck had come his way.
"Well, no," he murmured, with a sigh,
"I've caught no fish today.
But still, when I regard the facts,
My fate is not so tough—
My darling wife is far away,
That should be luck enough."
—The Tattler.

General Mention.

Mrs. Gallagher of San Antonio will arrive the early part of next week to be the guest of her mother, Mrs. J. T. Murphy.

The many friends of Dr. Hiatt will be glad to know that he is now able to be out after a severe spell of illness.

Miss Ruth Murphy expects to leave on Wednesday of next week for El Paso, where she will be the guest of her cousin, Mrs. W. L. Brown.

Captain and Mrs. Kyle Rucker arrived Wednesday from San Antonio and are the guests of Colonel and Mrs. R. A. Brown.

Miss Coulter of San Antonio, who is visiting her brother, Lieutenant Coulter, will be the week-end guest of Miss Edna Brown.

Mrs. Lila G. Benavides after a short visit here to relatives left this afternoon for San Antonio.

Mrs. H. J. Hamilton left this afternoon for San Antonio to meet and return Monday with her daughter, Mrs. Kirby Walker, who leaves Fort Leavenworth tomorrow for Laredo for a visit here.

SQUELCHING A BORE.

Richard Harding Davis is much troubled by bores. He has a short way with them, however.

Mr. Davis, for example, sat in the smoking room of a Bar Harbor hotel one evening with a cigar and a novel when a bore said to him:

"Well, sir, is Wilson too proud to fight or not?"

Mr. Davis looked up calmly from his novel, blew a cloud into the air and said:

"Wilson? What Wilson?"

"Why, Woodrow Wilson, of course!" said the astonished bore. "President Woodrow Wilson! Did you never hear of him?"

"No," said Mr. Davis; "I never did," and he yawned and took up his novel again.

The bore regarded him darkly for ten minutes. Then he attacked him again.

"Looking kind of black for Bernstein—I guess he'll get his walking papers, hey?" he said.

"Bernstein?" said Mr. Davis. "Who the deuce is Bernstein?"

"What! You never heard of him, either?" shouted the bore.

"No," said Mr. Davis; "never."

Five minutes of silence. Then the bore took a long pull at his glass and said bitterly:

"I guess you never heard of Adam, did you?"

Mr. Davis frowned as if in intent thought.

"Adam? Adam?" he said. "What's his last name?"—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

McComb was awarded the guest prize, a coaster set.

Miss Alice Denike was hostess to the Girl's Thursday Bridge Club at a quarter past four o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The rooms were fragrant with pink Malmalson roses. Upon the arrival of the guests a two-course luncheon was served from daintily appointed tables, consisting of chicken croquettes, olives, salted almonds, hot rolls, creamed peas, wine jelly with whipped cream. Miss Louise Muller won the club prize, a lovely piece of lingerie; Miss Eloise Lane won the guest prize, a Dresden vanity bag. The personnel included: Misses Louise Muller, Elizabeth Mussett, Edna Brown, Marguerite Nelson, Margaret Oberfeldt, Cleo Pereira; Guests—Misses Kathleen Coulter of San Antonio, Eloise Lane of Lane City, Mrs. Reily of El Paso, Mary Sames, Estelle Moser, Ray Fleishmann of Tampico, Mexico.

Club Notes.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Baptist Church held a business and social meeting with Mrs. Trout yesterday afternoon at four o'clock. Plans were made for the year's work. At the conclusion of the business session a social hour was enjoyed and tempting refreshments were served consisting of chicken sandwiches, olives, fruit, and angel's food cake and hot chocolate. Those present were: Mesdames Woods, Abshire, D. Z. Windrow, A. M. Windrow, Thomas, Landrum, Hansen, Smith, J. G. Burr, Heaner, T. C. Mann, and Miss Myrtle Thomas. The society will meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month.

RETORT COURTEOUS.

E. Pluribus Jones reached the station platform just as the five-fifteen was pulling out. A little burst of speed before the admiring onlookers netted him fifty feet in overcoming the train's handicap, but the best that his ample carcass could do thereafter was to run a losing race. He quit at the end of the freight yards and returned.

"Miss your train, sir?" inquired the porter, cheerfully.

Jones flicked a speck of dust from his coat sleeve.

"No, my friend," he said earnestly; "oh, no; I was just chasing it out of the yard. You oughtn't to allow it around here. Don't you see the tracks it's left?"—New York Post.

REDFIELD SPEAKS AT PROVIDENCE.

Providence, R. I., Jan. 7.—Hon. William C. Redfield, Secretary of Commerce, will be the speaker at tonight's banquet of the Turk's Head Club. His talk is expected to deal with the industrial improvement, increased commerce and the railroad situation.

NEW YEAR ACROSTIC.

It was a talented Brownsville lady who placed the following pretty, and entirely original New Year greeting under the plate of her husband at breakfast on that day:

All felicitations:

Here's to the days that are coming,
my dear,
All down the path of the incoming year

Pleasures and gladness and hearty
good cheer
Plenty of happiness, nothing to fear.
You should have sunshine and skies
bright and clear.

Never the tiniest cloud should appear.
Ever the friends you love best should
be near.
Winter or summer, I wish you this,
dear:

Yuletide or spring time, or days dark
or drear,
Each be the happiest day of the year
And may all the time that is coming,
bring cheer
Round out fuller happiness to you
each year.
—Brownsville Herald.

FOR IMMEDIATE USE.

An old Rip Van Winkle of a fellow went into a country drug store and asked for some powder.

"Face, gun or burg?" asked the clerk, leaning far over the counter.

"Bug," replied the old man, "and ne'an to mind about wrappin' it up—just blow it on my whiskers."—Cottrell's Magazine.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Webb.

By virtue of an Order of Sale, issued out of the District Court of Webb County, Texas, on the 6th day of January, A. D. 1916, in Cause No. 3460, wherein the Laredo National Bank and L. Villegas & Company are plaintiffs, and J. D. Randolph and Higinio Cantu are defendants, and to me directed and delivered, I have seized and levied upon, as under execution, and will proceed to sell at public auction, for cash, in front of the Court-house door of said Webb County, Texas, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on the First Tuesday, the first day of February, A. D. 1916, all of the following described tracts and parcels of land, located, situated and being in Webb County, Texas, viz:

All those certain tracts or parcels of land, situated on Rio Grande River in the County of Webb, in the State of Texas, about thirty (30) miles northwest from the city of Laredo, Webb County, Texas; all of Survey No. Seventy Four (74), and the lower or south half of Survey No. Seventy Five (75), originally surveyed in the name of Andrea J. de Alexander for the public free school fund of the State of Texas; which surveys were awarded to the said Andrea J. de Alexander by the Commissioner of the General Land Office of the State of Texas, on the 23rd day of October, A. D. Nineteen Hundred and Seven (1907) by virtue of her application and obligation to purchase same, dated October 14, 1907, and filed in the General Land Office on the 18th day of the same month, and the land, herein described, is more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Said Survey No. 74, S. F. 8251 is bounded as follows: Beginning at a pine stake, 4x4 inches at the S. W. corner of Survey No. 52, in the N. line of Survey No. 73, made for O. A. Peron for the S. E. corner of this Survey; thence N. 20 degrees W. along the W. boundary line of said Survey No. 52, 1200 varas to a stake for the N. E. corner of this Survey; thence S. 70 degrees W. 3980.8 varas to the left bank of the Rio Grande River, which is the N. W. corner of this Survey; thence S. 78 degrees and 16 minutes East, along the meanders of said river, 2281 varas to a pine stake, the S. W. corner of this Survey and the N. W. corner of Survey No. 73, thence North 70 degrees East, along the North boundary line of said Survey No. 73, over "La Cochico" hill 2040.8 varas to the place of beginning, containing six hundred and forty acres.

All of the South, or lower half of said Survey No. 75, S. F. Certificate No. 8252, is bounded as follows: Beginning at a post on the East boundary line of said Survey No. 75, 420 varas from its N. E. corner; thence South, 70 degrees West, on a line parallel with the South or lower boundary line of Survey No. 76, to the Rio Grande River, thence down said river, with its meanders, to the S. W. corner of said Survey No. 75, and the N. W. corner of Survey No. 74; thence North, 70 degrees East, 3980.8 varas with the North or upper boundary line of said Survey No. 74, to its N. E. corner; thence North, 20 degrees W. 430 varas to the place of beginning, containing three hundred and twenty acres to satisfy a judgment in favor of the Plaintiffs and against the Defendants, in the sum of Thirteen Thousand, One Hundred and Forty Four Dollars and 74 Cents (\$13,144.74) with interest thereon, and costs.

Given Under My Hand, at Laredo, Texas, this 6th day of January, A. D. 1916.

ANTONIO SALINAS,
Sheriff, Webb County, Texas,
By M. G. BENAVIDES, Deputy.

WEATHER FORECAST.

The following forecast from the United States weather bureau at New Orleans is furnished The Times by the Telephone Co. each day:
Fair and colder tonight. Saturday generally fair.

Local Weather Report.
The following are the observations taken at Fort McIntosh for the 24 hours ending at 7 a. m. today:
Max. temp. 84 degs.
Min. temp. 64 degs.
General direction of wind: Southwest.
Cloudy.

COBB'S SPEECH.

Irvin S. Cobb, the writer, attended the premiere of "Back Home," his new play, written in conjunction with Bayard Veiller, in Boston. Responding to insistent calls from the audience, Cobb made a curtain speech between the second and third acts.

"Don't blame me for all this," he said. "But I ask you as a personal favor to stay for the third act. It contains the only line that remains of my original play."—Green Book Magazine.

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From Saturday's Daily.

LABOR AND CONSCRIPTION.

One thousand delegates of labor unions in Great Britain overwhelmingly decided against the government's policy of conscription in perhaps the most important body of the kind ever assembled. The action of the labor convention followed the resignation of the three labor members of the British cabinet.

There is no doubt that organized labor throughout the world is coming to look upon enforced military service as an invasion of their rights. In Germany and France, where conscription is the means used to keep up the great armaments, the socialists have always opposed great armies ever since the formation of their party, and the labor organizations, while without the moral force that our labor unions have, are insistent in denouncing the policy of withdrawing men from useful labor to serve in the army.

The English labor unions are nearer like ours than any others in Europe, and they are more independent, as there are no laws which oppress them as organized workmen save those against sedition.

Three million organized workmen constitute a force that must be reckoned with by any government, and especially by a representative government such as obtains in Great Britain, where the king can do nothing without the consent of parliament, and the latter depends upon the suffrage of the people.

The antagonism of the workmen to the conscription does not imply any antagonism to military service. Indeed, the greatest number of recruits for the British army during the present conflict has come from the ranks of labor.

But the British workingman does not like to have anyone tell him what he must do. Even his union leaders must be diplomatic in their dealings with him, and he is as apt as not to refuse to do what they ask if he is convinced that it is any infringement of his liberties.

It is difficult to understand why conscription should become so popular with the political leaders at this time, when the announcement is made that the late recruiting campaign secured nearly three million fresh men for the service.

Perhaps it is a belief that the efficiency of the German army is due to the German system of enforced military service, while the contrary is the case.

The German soldier with his habits of obedience to orders and his willingness to submit to discipline would enlist as eagerly as any other citizen. His patriotism has never been in question, and the fact that he must serve or stand the consequences adds nothing to his military valor or his preparedness.

But he takes as a matter of course the fact that he must serve his specified time in the ranks, just as he takes as a matter of course the other regulations which surround his brass-bound existence. For the same reason he submits to police regulations as to the hours that the lights in his house must be extinguished and restrictions that prohibit his playing the piano or indulging in some noise after certain hours.

To attempt the same restrictions in Great Britain would be to destroy every chance of securing obedience to law. The Englishman, who still insists that "his house is his castle" would refuse to call any man master, and no drill or disciplinary punishment would suffice to make him the obedient soldier—unless he chose to be.

The trouble with the British army at present would seem to be lack of time to whip the recruits into shape, and this would be as bad for conscripts as for voluntary recruits.

That the compulsory service bill may be adopted seems probable. But all the men that it will secure for the service will not be worth a tenth of the same number of cheerful volunteers, conscious that they are giving the service that "king and country" demand of them.

AN EXPATRIATE.

For many years William Waldorf Astor has resided in England on the interest of the millions made for him by an ancestor in the United States. During all that time he has shown a cringing subservience to the English government, with the object of securing a "title of nobility," which was as indispensable to him as the plaudits of the new rich are to the average chorus girl.

He became the laughing stock of the British papers, and the object of contempt of all decent American tourists, for whom he professed a superiority that was as laughable as it was unjustified.

His son married an American girl who was accepted by the very aristocracy of England that rejected her father-in-law. She finally was practically repudiated by William Waldorf because of her brilliant ridicule of his silly and contemptible pretensions.

After years of effort, Astor has finally been elevated to the peerage, and he will now have the rank and title of a baron, the lowest rank of peers in Great Britain.

Just what was the price he paid for the "honor" is not known, but it must have been a goodly sum, for even the complaisant ruler of the present is willing to turn an honest penny in his elevations to noble rank of the aspiring common herd.

The title of nobility has not ennobled William Waldorf Astor in any sense of the word. Not only is it impossible to ennoble an ignoble person, but a purchased title does not confer anything of nobility upon the one who pays for the questionable honor.

Just what advantages Astor expected to gain in return for his millions is not clear. Of course he can now take his seat in the decadent house of peers, a doubtful honor in view of the agitation for the abolition of the upper house.

He will have precedence over the

baronets and knighted lord mayors of London, as well as over the commoners. But he will be at the foot of all the "nobility" of Great Britain, being the peer of latest creation (and lowest rank) among those who have been elevated during the past century, as well as those who are descendants of the nobles who fought with Edward the First and later sovereigns when a patent of nobility meant something.

For many years it has been the custom to "knight" persons of great attainments in literary, political or even mechanical activity. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle is one of the latest literary lions to receive this distinction, and he shares the honor with the victors over their opponents in the brewing line, as well as with those who had gained distinction in political life.

But it is a far cry from the days when the man who distinguished himself in battle for his monarch and his country was dubbed knight on the stricken field to the day when a man secures a patent declaring him to be the social superior to others because he has for years maintained a successful financial siege of the herald's office.

William Waldorf Astor professed a contempt for Americans, while enjoying luxuries which only a millionaire could hope for, the millions which maintained his pretensions being the result of years of successful chaffering with painted savages for the furs which they tolled through the snow and ice to secure.

The work which laid the foundation for the great Astor fortune was well done. Old John Jacob Astor was as diligent as his descendant is indolent. He had a business man's profound contempt for all that is not represented by dollars and cents, except it might be that which is represented by pounds, shillings and pence.

And now a part of his fortune has gone to swell the coffers of the British king in return for a piece of parchment and a resounding title! And as all values are merely comparative, perhaps William Waldorf gets as much satisfaction out of his bit of illuminated vellum as did his ancestor from a beaver skin.

President Pope of the Farmers Union has a plan for selling a million bales of Texas cotton to Germany at a price of 20 cents a pound for the farmers. Now all that is lacking is the ships to carry the cotton, the crews to man them and the assurance that the vessels will not be torpedoed in the North Sea. A mere trifle of detail, of course.

Burglars robbed the collector of revenue office in St. Paul the other night and secured from \$600 to \$5,000, the exact amount being unknown. The books of that office seem to be no better kept than those of the Four Corners print shop, where the owner does not know whether he is worth \$100 or owes a million.

Passengers aboard the Greek steamer Thessaloniki were without food and water when rescued by another ship. What a prize that would have been for a Teutonic submarine, if Greece had been at war with either country.

The peace party is now on its way through Germany with the car doors sealed and the passengers under bond. If some enterprising German should see fit to captured the party and hold them until the war is over, we should all feel easier.

Immigration Falling Off.

The tide of emigration to the United States ebbed to its lowest point in more than twenty years during the past fiscal year, according to figures made public in the annual report of Secretary Wilson of the department of labor. The total number of immigrant aliens, the report shows, fell from 1,218,480 in the previous year to 328,700 in the period ending June 30 last. All admitted arrivals of aliens, immigrant and nonimmigrant, were only 434,244, as compared with 1,407,801 the year before.—Texas Stockman.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 1 OF AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING ALL PERSONS, FIRMS AND CORPORATIONS OPERATING AN AUTOMOBILE FOR THEIR OWN USE IN THE CITY OF LAREDO, TO PAY AN ANNUAL LICENSE FEE, AND IMPOSING A PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO DO SO, PASSED NOVEMBER 16th, 1915, AND APPROVED NOVEMBER 17th, 1915, SO AS TO HEREINAFTER READ AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. All persons, firms and corporations operating automobiles for their own private use on the streets and avenues of the City of Laredo, shall pay an annual license fee of \$3.50 for each automobile.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the 4th day of January, 1916.

Approved the 5th day of Jan., 1916.

ROBT. McCOMB, Mayor.

Attest: A. V. WOODMAN, Secretary.

1-6-101.

YEGGMEN ROB GREGORY BANK

Blew Open Vault and Safe of Gregory Mercantile Co. This Morning and Secured Sum of \$300.

A private telegram received in Laredo this morning brought the news that the vault and safe of the Gregory Mercantile Co. at Gregory, San Patricio county, twelve miles from Corpus Christi, had been blown open this morning early by professional yeggmens, who made their getaway with \$300.

The telegram gives some other minor details of the robbery, but these were not given out. It is possible that the San Patricio officers may get a clue to the robbers.

PROSPERITY SLOW COMING TO MEXICO SAY AMERICAN

MANY PEOPLE NOT YET ASSURED THAT PEACE IS PERMANENT.

Those Who Are Skeptical Are Keeping Still, Watching Developments and Silently Marking Time.

Parties arriving here from the interior cities of Mexico say that the restoration of practical peace in many portions of the republic has not been followed by the quick succession of a wave of confidence and prosperity that was anticipated by many, and there is still an inclination on the part of many of the more influential people to stand by and await developments before they plunge forward into restoring their part of the old-time prosperity in Mexico.

The vast havoc wrought by the revolutionists in many portions of the republic has been such that it will take many years to repair, and many of the more influential and thrifty business men of the republic who lost heavily as a result of the devastating work of rebel and bandit gangs are now slow to act in re-establishing the industrial or commercial concerns in which they were interested when forced to retire from business either at the point of the bayonet or by other means employed by the Mexican brigands, who in most instances styled themselves soldiers of one or the other faction.

Under these conditions, as stated by a gentleman who recently arrived from Mexico and is familiar with the real situation there, it is going to take some time for the people to come to a realization that real peace is restored and is permanent, for they can not believe the latter part regarding the permanency of present conditions and fear that some dissenting political leader or presidential aspirant may lead a gang of mercenary patriots at any moment and foment another serious outbreak in the republic. But this is only one of many opinions and contributes to holding in abeyance the establishment of prosperity and the beginning of a work of reconstruction that would otherwise now be under way.

Americans coming out of Mexico at this time state that in numerous cities of the republic the Carranza government officials are doing their part to restore confidence in the people by contributing a part to the work of reconstruction and re-opening of industrial plants and other enterprises, but the big men with the money are merely watching them and counting time.

For Rheumatism.

As soon as an attack of Rheumatism begins apply Sloan's Liniment. Don't waste time and suffer unnecessary agony. A few drops of Sloan's Liniment on the affected parts is all you need. The pain goes at once.

A grateful sufferer writes:—"I was suffering for three weeks with Chronic Rheumatism and Stiff Neck, although I tried many medicines, they failed, and I was under the care of a doctor. Fortunately I heard of Sloan's Liniment and after using it three or four days am up and well. I am employed at the biggest department store in S. F. where they employ from six to eight hundred hands, and they surely will hear all about Sloan's Liniment.—H. B. Smith, San Francisco, Cal.—Jan. 1915." At all Druggists.

The Submarine Expedition.

The Submarine Pictures at the Strand tomorrow are recommended highly by such prominent people as Dorothy Dix and Ada Patterson, who advise parents to take their children to see them. It is a scientific study, as well as a sensational set of pictures.

To Cure Children's Colds.

Keep child dry, clothe comfortably, avoid exposure and give Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey. It is pleasant, soothing, antiseptic, raises phlegm, and reduces inflammation. The first dose gives relief, continued treatment with proper care will avoid serious illness or a long cold. Don't delay treatment. Don't let your child suffer. Get a bottle to-day. Insist on Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey, 25c, at Druggists.

Heroic Self-Restraint.

Careful reading of the Congressional Record discloses that Cyclone Davis has delivered on the floor of the House a single speech of the single word "Amen," interjected in the course of another man's remarks. Those who know his oratorical proclivities would not have laughed, as did his colleagues, but would have cheered the heroism of his self-restraint.—Daily Texan.

How to Cure Colds.

Avoid exposure and drafts. Eat right. Take Dr. King's New Discovery. It is prepared from Pine Tar healing balsams and mild laxatives. Dr. King's New Discovery kills and expels the cold germs, soothes the irritated throat and allays inflammation. It heals the mucous membrane. Search as you will, you cannot find a better cough and cold remedy. Its use over 45 years is a guarantee of satisfaction.

PILES CURED AT HOME BY NEW ABSORPTION METHOD.

If you suffer from bleeding, itching, blind or protruding Piles, send me your address, and I will tell you how to cure yourself at home by the new absorption treatment, and will also send some of this home treatment free for trial, with references from your own locality if requested. Immediate relief and permanent cure assured. Send no money, but tell others of this offer. Write today to Mrs. M. Summers, Box P, Notre Dame, Ind.

Watch THE TIMES everyday for opportunities. 50c. per month.

TOTAL \$600,000 CARRANZA CURRENCY GOES THROUGH

FROM MONTEREY TO COMMANDER OF MILITARY IN SONORA

Money Will Be Used in Paying Off Constitutional Soldiers Who Have Been Doing Duty There.

A shipment consisting of 125 packages of Constitutionalist currency, divided into 100 packages containing \$1,000 each and 25 packages containing \$20,000 each, passed through Laredo in bond by express from Monterey this morning en route to Agua Prieta, Sonora, where it will be used in paying salaries to Carranza soldiers doing duty in the state of Sonora. The money is addressed to a general in command of the military forces at Agua Prieta.

This currency is all countersigned and stamped by Carranza officials and is of a new issue. The soldiers in Agua Prieta and other garrisons of Sonora have not been paid off for the past three months and the Carranza currency is going to them at this time to serve for that purpose.

Up to a short time ago there were different kinds of money in circulation in Mexico, and in Sonora the predominating currency was that issued by Pancho Villa, but now that condition is changed and the only recognized money is that issued or approved by the Carranza government.

DEATH OF PAUL M. SAUVIGNET

Prominent Citizen and Business Man, After Short Illness, Passed to Eternal Reward Last Evening.

Just as the sun sank to rest yesterday evening and darkness overshadowed the home, the soul of a good man, a devoted son, father and brother, and a worthy citizen, left its citadel of earthly suffering and winged its way to that realm beyond the mystic stream where repose eternal and devoid of suffering is promised to all.

Paul M. Sauvignat closed his eyes in eternal sleep yesterday evening at 6 o'clock and there was weeping at his bedside when the visit of the Messenger of Death became known to his loved ones. The hand that was always extended in warmest friendship to those he knew, the lips that uttered words of consolation for the poor and afflicted and the eyes that spoke mute words of sympathy for the less fortunate of God's children, were all now cold in death. His loved ones had been bereft of a kind and devoted son, brother and father, his friends a man whom it was an honor to claim as a friend, for he exemplified the real meaning of that great word "friendship" in a manner that gave its full significance, for he was "a friend in need and a friend in deed."

Paul M. Sauvignat was a native of Monistrol, France, where he was born fifty-four years ago. When a mere lad in 1879 he came to this country with his father, H. A. Sauvignat, and family, and has since made his home here, all of the time being identified with the commercial life of Laredo. He was proprietor of the Laredo Ice Factory and devoted his undivided attention to the conducting of the affairs of that concern, making it one of the important enterprises of this city. He was also a member of several of the fraternal organizations here, these being the Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Loyal Order of Moose and Elks.

For some months past Mr. Sauvignat has been in impaired health, but only during the past ten days had his condition become serious, and yesterday all hopes were despaired of for his recovery, as he gradually neared the valley of death. Surviving him are his father, H. A. Sauvignat; two daughters, Mrs. J. J. Hewitt of Eagle Pass and Miss Josephine Sauvignat of this city; two sons, Paul and Louis; one sister, Mrs. T. K. Hamilton, and one brother, Dr. E. H. Sauvignat. All of the grief-stricken ones were present at the bedside when the Messenger of Death came to claim his own. To them go the sympathy of many friends in their bereavement, but words do not serve to assuage the grief that gnaws at their hearts—it only consoles by showing that others besides them mourn the dead.

The funeral takes place this afternoon at 4 o'clock from the family home at 413 Davis Avenue, under the auspices of the Knights of Pythias lodge.

PAYING THE PENALTY.

One crop, no matter what it may be, grown successfully season after season on the same land, will "run out" as the farmers express it. Be side, if it is profitable for awhile the acreage is usually increased until the supply exceeds the demand when it ceases to be profitable.

The cotton grower has suffered from both these troubles and I was recently told in a black land section where the wild grass has been cut out for hay for many years, that the yield is falling, and there has even been a change in the variety of grass produced namely: From flat to round blade, this change by no means for the better.

For some years alfalfa growing has been highly profitable on the irrigated lands of Western Texas, with the result that the grower is suffering the penalty which sooner or later invariably overtakes the one-crop system, and there is a lot of talk about "cutting out" alfalfa. There is no more reason for this than for the talk in 1914 about cutting out cotton. I said to them recently:

"If you have been shipping 2,000 cars of alfalfa, feed 1,000 cars to cattle, hogs and poultry in the form of hay and pasture. This beside improving the physical condition of your drawn-out soil, will bring in more money than you have been receiving for the same quantity sold off the land. It will also relieve the strain on the outside market to the extent of the quantity kept at home."

R. R. CLARIDGE, Agricultural Agent, T. & P. Ry., Fort Worth, Texas.

LITTLE LOCALS

The importations through this port today from Mexico consisted of three carloads of hite and one carload of skins.

The members of the fire queen contest committee of the Laredo Fire Department will hold a meeting tomorrow forenoon and on Monday the contest for the election of a young lady to be crowned fire queen on the night of February 22 during a grand ball will be launched.

A slow rain fell in Laredo for quite a while last night, the precipitation being of the kind that does much good for vegetation. This morning there was plenty of mud in the streets of the city, while in the onion fields there was lots of moisture and the onion crops were looking good.

The committee of the Laredo Fire Department co-operating with the celebration committee is sending letters of invitation to twenty-four cities whose fire departments are members of the Texas Firemen's Association asking them to send racing teams to Laredo on February 22. It is expected that at least ten reel racing teams will accept the invitation.

The new year of 1916 came in with a little rain and it is now and then being sprinkled to be kept moist. But this condition is most propitious to the farmers, and when they prosper and make money the whole community is benefited from the result.

The Times is in receipt of a telegram from Brownsville announcing the staging of a big championship bout between two well known lightweight pugilists in Matamoros on the afternoon of January 23. It is rather far for Laredo sports to venture to witness the match, but it is possible that some may go.

The fireboys have benefited the citizens of Laredo to the extent of materially reducing the fire insurance key rate and many property owners have received checks rebating them in accordance with the lowering of the rate. The fireboys now need money and are going to stage a fire queen contest. Let's see if the appreciation of the citizens goes far enough to help the fireboys and buy votes.

INTERESTED IN CELEBRATION.

Numerous Laredo People Receiving Letters Inquiring as to What Will be Pulled Off Here Feb. 22.

Since the formal announcement has been published in the Times and the state papers to the effect that Laredo would celebrate Washington's Birthday Anniversary with a program of festivities up to the usual high standard of the class of celebrations pulled off here, numerous letters of inquiry from various parts of the state have been coming in.

People everywhere are interested in Laredo's annual big event, and quite a few in various sections of the state are contemplating coming here for the celebration. As yet the program of festivities has not been arranged and it is not known what will comprise the list of events, but it is certain that the program this year will be one of the best and most varied of any yet carried out in Laredo during the eighteen years that the natal day anniversary of the "father of his country" has been observed here.

TOOK THE MASTER DEGREES

Three Laredo Masons Elevated to Higher Degrees in Presence of Local and Visiting Brethren.

Beginning yesterday afternoon at about 4 o'clock, Laredo Lodge No. 547, A. F. & A. M., with visiting members present from San Antonio, Pearsall, Cotulla, Dolores and Alice participating, put three Laredo candidates through the higher mysteries of the order and exalted them to the higher degrees of Masonry—known as the master degrees. The work of administering the degrees continued until about 9 o'clock last night, when a short recess was taken for refreshments.

All present then repaired to an adjoining room, where a luncheon was served. Benediction was offered by Rev. C. W. Cook, after which John L. Dannelley, acting the role of toastmaster, had prepared a list of seasonable toasts and in turn called upon members of the local and respective visiting lodges to respond to certain subjects assigned to them in introductory remarks.

At the conclusion of the feast and the "strengthening" of the candidates so as to prepare them for the "finishing touches" which were to be applied to them, the degree work was resumed and continued until 11 o'clock, when the previous candidates were turned out full-fledged master Masons. The afternoon and evening was a continuous round of pleasure for both the local and visiting Masons and the candidates, and those who "rode the goat" enjoyed both the degree work and the eats as much as the others.

America's Good Luck.

It is good news to Americans that William Waldorf Astor has been made a British peer. If something like that hadn't happened pretty soon he might have moved back to this country.—Galveston News.

Notice to Tax-Payers.

My office in the County Court house is now open for the reception of assessments for the year 1916 and property owners will please call and render same as early as possible. Hours: 8 a. m. to 12, and from 1 to 5 p. m.

B. J. LEYENDECKER, County Assessor of Taxes. 1-3-1m.

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Money Makers

SOCIETY

Mrs. Violet S. Oberfeldt Editor . . . Phone 70

SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Saturday.

Mrs. Gallagher is entertaining for the Army ladies at bridge at three o'clock in the afternoon.

Mrs. G. C. Woodman entertains the Nullos Club at three o'clock in the afternoon.

The Busy Bees will meet with Miss Minerva G'Sell at three o'clock in the afternoon.

The J. U. G. Club will meet with Miss Eugenia Lafon at four o'clock in the afternoon.

Miss Esther Hirsch will entertain at bridge at half after three o'clock in the afternoon.

honoring Mrs. H. D. Schwartz of Hempstead.

Sunday.

The B. Y. P. U. Sr. will hold its regular meeting at six o'clock in the evening at the Creath Memorial Baptist Church.

The Christian Endeavor Society will meet at half after six at the Christian Church.

The Epworth League will hold its regular meeting at the Methodist Church at half after six o'clock in the evening.

Monday.

The Misses Mackin will entertain with an informal luncheon at one o'clock in honor of Misses Alice and Olive Gray and a few of their friends.

Mrs. J. P. Leyendecker will entertain at bridge at three o'clock in the afternoon.

The Music Department of the Woman's Club will meet at the studio of Mrs. D. F. Anderson at four o'clock in the afternoon.

The Pythian Sisters will meet at the K. of P. Hall at eight o'clock in the afternoon.

This May Interest You.

The Times desires all social items of interest and cordially invites its readers to supply such news to the society editor. Send or phone all items about weddings, parties, visitors, dinners, receptions, bazaars, children's parties, etc. If you are leaving town or returning, or have visitors arriving or departing, The Times will be glad to know it. While names will not be used all written communications must be signed. This is imperative to prevent imposition. Address all society communications to the Society Editor of The Times or phone No. 70 between 7 a. m. and 9 a. m. and 2 to 7 p. m.

Ruth.

She stood breast-high amid the corn, Clashed by the golden light of morn, Like the sweetheart of the sun, Who many a glowing kiss had won.

On her cheek an autumn flush Deeply ripened—such a blush In the midst of brown was born Like red poppies grown with corn.

And her hat, with shady brim, Made her tressy forehead dim; Thus she stood amid the stocks, Praising God with sweetest looks.

Sure, I said, heaven did not mean Where I reap thou shouldst but glean; Lay thy sheaf adown and come, Share my harvest and my home.

—Thomas Hood, in New York Evening Mail.

General Mention.

Mrs. A. C. Hamilton will return home from San Antonio on Sunday.

Mrs. S. Brown and son left for San Antonio, where they will remain for a few days.

Mrs. Henry Garlick of Cincinnati, Ohio, is expected to arrive in Laredo the first part of February on a visit to Dr. and Mrs. H. Stow Garlick.

Ernest Biskamp expects to return to the A. & M. College tomorrow, after spending the holidays in Laredo.

Mrs. A. L. Vidaurri and Miss Refugio Garza Gongora left yesterday for Saltillo, Mexico, to attend the marriage today of Mrs. Vidaurri's sister, Miss Carolina Elizendo, to Mr. Reuben Rios.

The Bishop Johnston Junior Auxiliary held its regular weekly meeting at the rectory at four o'clock yesterday afternoon, with Mrs. Charles Cook as director. Plans were made for this year's work. There was a small attendance, those present being, Willie Belle Brennan, Ruth Netzer and Elsie Werner.

The B. Y. P. U. Jr. met yesterday afternoon at the Baptist Church with Mrs. Sallee as leader and Mrs. Windrow as organist. There was an election of officers: Tina Salazar was elected president, Lois Stoner, vice-president and Graham Woods, secretary and treasurer. The subject of the lesson was: "Triumphal Entry of Christ Into Jerusalem." Those present were: Beniah Putnam, Lois Stoner, Alma McKicken, Margaret Clafin, Fred Thomas, Harold Thomas, Jack Bell, Richard Trout, Ernest Heaner, Graham Woods.

Dinners.

Mr. and Mrs. Reid Puster entertained most delightfully last evening with an exquisitely appointed dinner cele-

PERSONALS

Sam R. Anderson of Dentonia is in the city for a short visit.

Amador Sanchez, Jr., left last night for San Antonio.

Guy Maurer, sales manager of the Marrs Oil Company of San Antonio, arrived in the city yesterday in the interest of the company. The field of the Marrs Company is attracting much attention in the country and great things are expected from it in the near future.

M. C. Delling, John Loftus and Prof. Cottingham of Dolores arrived in the city yesterday afternoon by automobile to attend the special meeting of the Masonic Lodge last night. They returned home last night.

BTNDER:—Geo. W. Harris, L. C. Donny, F. F. Holliday, B. O. Box, B. J. Cannegan, J. W. Wheat, San Antonio; H. C. Dinkins, Houston; F. Garcia Zuzana, San Antonio; J. W. Goodman, Robb Hart, St. Louis, Mo.; B. J. Long, Los Angeles, Calif.; E. C. Blackhaus, Hebronville; Fabian Bell, Tampico; C. S. McKenney, Monterey; F. M. Rivas, New York; C. C. Hocke and wife, C. O. Schleth, F. J. Peyton, J. B. Carman, Mapimi; Guy Maurer, C. Duran, San Antonio; D. F. Guller, Macazin, Ariz.; F. H. Littrell, Houston; P. Turner, F. F. Holliday, San Antonio; H. J. Noel, Monterey; Wm. Epstein, San Antonio; D. E. Arnott, Matenhala, Mex.; J. D. Seammonds, San Antonio; Jno. D. Jarrett, Fort Worth.

ARE FLIES IMMUNE?

"You must learn to 'swat the fly' Ethel Fies carry typhoid fever." "Will typhoid fever kill anyone who gets it?" "Certainly." "Mother, why doesn't it kill the fly?"—Life.

NATIONAL CROSS COUNTRY RUN TODAY.

New York, Jan. 8.—The postponed contest for the national senior cross country championship will be staged today in Van Cortlandt Park. When the runners were gathered here gathered here for the race last month, it was deemed too dangerous to let the men start, because of the ice and water on the course. The postponement was the first in the history of the national title, and caused a rumormongering between certain athletic clubs which had rival entries.

brating their eleventh anniversary. A low bowl filled with red roses and ferns resting on a mirror occupied the center of the table; red shaded candles graced the corners of the table and the electrolier was veiled in red maline. Red rose place cards bore the names of the guests. Covers were laid for twelve. A delicious six-course dinner was served. The guests included: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nye, Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Applewhite, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Brewster, Mesdames Pinder and Flores. At the conclusion of the dinner a box party was enjoyed at the Strand Theatre.

General and Mrs. R. K. Evans entertained last evening with a delightful dinner. The table was lovely with a centerpiece of red and white roses and red-shaded candles. Covers were laid for Mrs. E. A. Sirmyer, Misses Olive and Alice Gray, Captain Jackson, Lieutenants Bishop and Evans and the host and hostess.

Announcement.

The following invitation was issued today: "The Girls Thursday Bridge Club 'At Home' for Miss Oberfeldt, Thursday, January 13th, at four o'clock at Elks Hall. Linen shower, Please reply." The hostesses named are: Misses Cleo Pereira, Margaret Nelson, Alice Nelson, Elizabeth Mussett, Louise Muller and Edna Brown.

Nullos Club.

Mrs. G. C. Woodman is entertaining the Nullos Club this afternoon and will have for her guests, Mesdames L. J. Christen, A. Huberich, Hal Greer, Jos. Vidales, J. S. Penn, Thomas Reed, C. M. Fish, W. N. Young.

DEDICATE LABOR TEMPLE.

Dallas, Tex., Jan. 8.—The Dallas Labor Temple will be dedicated this evening. Gov. James E. Ferguson will speak, also Mayor Henry D. Lindsay, and the labor unions of the state will be represented. A grand ball will follow the dedication.

NEEDED INVENTIONS.

A dinner that will do for seven when three of these have "dropped in unexpectedly."

An alarm clock that will not go off at 6 o'clock on Sunday morning when one has inadvertently wound it Saturday night.

A device that will induce a dog not to howl at 4 o'clock when one doesn't have to arise until 7.

An auto that will not persist in blowing out when the driver has a party of friends out and is wearing his best clothes.

A doorbell that will indicate to the housewife when the caller is an agent who will try to sell her something she does not wish.

THE LITTLE GIRL AND THE BABY

A little girl about six years old was visiting friends, and during the course of the conversation one of them remarked:

"I hear you have a new little sister."

"Yes," answered the little girl, "just two weeks old."

"Did you want it to be a little girl?" asked the friend.

"No; I wanted it to be a boy," she replied; "but it came while I was at school."—Harper's Monthly Magazine.